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GENERAL EDITOR'S PREFACE

I have great pleasure in placing before the public volume XXI of *Fort William-India House Correspondence* which covers the despatches from and to the Court of Directors in the Military Department for the period 1797-1800, and deals mainly with military administration in the Bengal Presidency. While the documents shed interesting light on matters relating to the army organization, the conditions of military service, and manufacture of arms and military stores, one, however, should not expect here materials on military policy or anything relating to the conduct and course of the wars and campaigns of the East India Company, such subjects being usually dealt with in the Foreign and Political Department records of this period, which are being published in the relevant volumes in this series.

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PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL
1797-1800

	Date of Letters Patent
Rt. Hon. Henry Dundas (later Viscount Melville)	28 June 1793

CHAIRMEN AND DEPUTY CHAIRMEN OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY
1797-1800

Period	*Chairman*	*Deputy Chairman*
April 1796-March 1797	Scott, David	Inglis, Hugh
April 1797-March 1798	Inglis, Hugh	Bosanquet, Jacob
April 1798-March 1799	Bosanquet, Jacob	Lushington, Stephen
April 1799-March 1800	Lushington, Stephen	Inglis, Hugh
April 1800-March 1801	Inglis, Hugh	Scott, David

DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY[2]
1797-1800

Astell, William Thornton	1800-01, 1802-05, 1807-10, 1812-15, 1817-20, 1822-5, 1827-30, 1832-5, 1837-40, 1842-5.
Baring, Francis	1779-82, 1784-87, 1789-92, 1794-98, 1799-1802, 1804-07, 1809-10.

1. The particulars given here and in the following lists are based on: the correspondence contained in this and other volumes of the series; *Alphabetical List of Directors of the East India Company from 1758 to 1858*, compiled by C. H. and D. Philips and published in the *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, October 1941; and *List of the Heads of Administrations in India and of the India Office in England* (Imperial Record Department, 1939).

2. Annually in April six Directors were elected for four-year term in place of the six going out by rotation. In the event of the death, disqualification or removal of a Director, his successor took over for the unexpired term of office. Hence the years indicated here against the names do not conform to complete calendar years.

Bensley, William	1781-84, 1786-89, 1791-94, 1796-99, 1801-04, 1806-09.
Bosanquet, Jacob	1782-83, 1785-88, 1790-93, 1795-99, 1800-03, 1805-08, 1810-13, 1815-18, 1820-23, 1825-26.
Burges(s), John Smith	1773-74, 1776-79, 1781-84, 1786-89, 1791-94, 1796-99, 1801-03.
Cotton, Joseph	1795-99, 1800-03, 1805-08, 1810-13, 1815-18, 1820-23.
Darell, Lionel	1780-83, 1785-88, 1790-93, 1795-98, 1800-03.
Devaynes, William	1770-75, 1777-80, 1782-85, 1787-90, 1792-95, 1797-1800, 1802-05.
Elphinstone, William Fullarton ..	1786-89, 1791-94, 1796-1800, 1801-04, 1806-09, 1811-14, 1816-19, 1821-24.
Fitzhugh, Thomas	1785-86, 1787-90, 1792-95 1797-99.
Fras(z)er, Simon	1791-92, 1793-96, 1796-1801, 1803-06.
Grant, Charles	1794-95, 1797-1800, 1802-05, 1807-10, 1812-15, 1817-20, 1822-23.
Hunter, John	1781-84, 1786-89, 1791-94, 1796-1800, 1801-02.
Inglis, Hugh	1784-87, 1789-92, 1794-98, 1799-1802, 1804-07, 1809-12.
Irwin, James	1795-96, 1797-98.
Le Mesurier, Paul	1 84-87, 1789-92, 1794-98, 1799-1802, 1804-05.
Lushington, Stephen	1782-85 1787-90, 1792-95 1797-1800, 1802-05

Manship, John . . . . 1755-58, 1762-65, 1767-68, 1769-77, 1779-82, 1784-87, 1789-92, 1794-98, 1799-1802, 1804-07, 1809-10.

Metcalfe, Thomas Theophilus . . . . 1789-92, 1794-98, 1799-1802, 1804-07, 1809-12.

Mills, Charles . . . . 1785-86, 1788-91, 1793-97, 1798-1801, 1803-06, 1808-11, 1813-14.

Parry, Edward . . . . 1797-99, 1800-03, 1805-08, 1810-13, 1815-18, 1820-23, 1825-27.

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Roberts, Abraham . . . . . . 1786-87, 1788-91, 1793-97, 1798-1801, 1803-06, 1808-11, 1813-15.

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Smith, George . . . . 1795-96, 1797-1800, 1802-05, 1807-10, 1812-15, 1817-20, 1822-25, 1827-30, 1832-33.

Tatem, George . . . . . . 1772-74, 1776-79, 1781-84, 1786-87, 1788-91, 1793-97, 1798-1801.

Thellusson, George Woodford 1796-98, 1799-1802, 1804-07,

Thornton, Robert . . . . . . 1787-88, 1790-93, 1795-98, 1800-03, 1805-08, 1810-13.

Thornton, William . . . . . . *See* Astell, William Thornton.

Toone, Sweny . . . . 1798-1800, 1802-05, 1807-10. 1812-15, 1817-20, 1822-25, 1827-30.

Travers, John . . . . 1786-89, 1791-94, 1796-1800, 1801-04, 1806-09.

Williams, Stephen . . . . . . 1790-94, 1796-99, 1801-04.

GOVERNORS GENERAL OF FORT WILLIAM, BENGAL 1797-1800

Shore, Sir John .. .. .. (later Baron Teignmouth)	28 October 1793—12 March 1798.[1]
Clarke, Lieutenant-General .. (Sir Alured)	17 March 1798—17 May 1798. (*Acting*).
Wellesley, Richard Colley, Marquess (Earl of Mornington)	18 May 1798—30 July 1805.

MEMBERS OF BOARD, FORT WILLIAM, BENGAL 1797-1800

Speke,[2] Peter	17 September 1789—2 October 1801.
Cowper, William	6 November 1789—25 February 1801.
Abercromby, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert	28 October 1793—19 February 1797.
Clarke,[3] Lieutenant-General Sir Alured	16 March 1797[4]—25 February 1801[5].

COMMANDERS IN CHIEF, INDIA 1797-1800

Abercromby, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert	28 October 1793—19 February 1797[6].
Clarke[7], Lieutenant-General Sir Alured	16 March 1797—25 February 1801.

1. Shore's letter of resignation of this date reached the Fort William Board on 17 March 1798 on receipt of which Clarke immediately took his seat at the Board as acting Governor General. *Fort William-India House Correspondence*, Vol. XIII, p. 353.
2. Acted as Vice-President and Deputy Governor of Fort William (1 Feb. 1797—30 April 1797 and 26 Nov. 1797—1 Mar. 1798) when Sir John Shore was away in U.P. *Ibid.*, pp. 282, 303; Political Letter to Court, 24 Nov. 1797, para. 36; Home Public Proceedings, 5 Mar. 1798.
3. Acted as Vice-President and Deputy Governor of Fort William (25 Sept. 1798—14 Sept. 1799) when Lord Wellesley was away in Madras Presidency. *Fort William—India House Correspondence*, Vol. XIII, pp. 382, 412.
4. *Ibid.*, p. 302.
5. *Vide* Home Public Consultation, 28 Feb. 1801, No. 1.
6. Abercromby's letter of resignation of this date reached the Fort William Board on 12 March 1798. Meanwhile Maj. Gen. Charles Morgan, provincial C. in C. of Bengal army (23 Jan. 1797—15 Mar. 1797) looked after routine work till Clarke's arrival. *Fort William-India House Correspondence*, Vol. XIII, p. 302; Military Consultation, 23 Jan. 1797, No. 2.
7. Actually Lord Cornwallis was appointed C. in C., India (as well as Governor General) by the Court of Directors; but since he declined to assume that office, Clarke who had been earlier designated for that post took charge. *Ibid.*, pp. 68-9, 302.

GOVERNORS OF THE PRESIDENCY OF FORT ST. GEORGE 1797-1800

Hobart, Right Honourable Baron (later Earl of Buckinghamshire)	7 September 1794—20 February 1798.
Harris, Lieutenant-General George (later Baron Harris of Seringapatam and Belmont).	21 February 1798—20 August 1798. (*Acting*).
Clive, Right Honourable Baron (later Earl of Powis)	21 August 1798—2 January 1799.
Wellesley[1], Richard Colley, Marquess (Earl of Mornington)	2 January 1799—5 September 1799.
Clive, Right Honourable Baron	5 September 1799—30 August 1803.

COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENCY OF FORT ST. GEORGE 1797-1800

Clarke, Lieutenant-General Sir Alured ..	15 January 1796—7 March 1797.
Harris, Lieutenant-General George ..	8 March 1797—25 January 1800.
Braithwaite, Major-General J.	26 January 1800—27 July 1801 (*Temporary*).

GOVERNOR OF THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY 1797-1800

Duncan, Jonathan	27 December 1795—11 August 1811.

COMMANDERS IN CHIEF OF THE PRESIDENCY OF BOMBAY 1797-1800

Bowles, Major-General R. ..	7 November 1796—23 January 1797. (*Temporary*).
Stuart, Major-General James ..	24 January 1797—21 January 1800.
Nicolls, Major-General Oliver ..	22 January 1800—17 April 1807.

1. Under Act 33, George III.

INTRODUCTION

The correspondence contained in this volume relates to the military affairs of the East India Company's government at Fort William, commencing from 20 January 1797 and ending on 27 November 1800. This brief period of four years synchronises with the end of the regime of the pacifist Sir John Shore and the beginning of the tenure of Wellesley. A careful study of the earlier records of the Company would reveal that the steps taken by Shore and Cornwallis in inaugurating the so-called policy of non-intervention was more a matter of necessity than an article of political creed with them. A number of costly wars which the E. I. Company had fought with the Indian princes during the previous three decades—wars with the Rohillas, the Marathas and the rulers of Mysore—had brought its finances to a state of complete bankruptcy. It could not afford to wage any more wars or add to its responsibilities by acquiring further territory, especially in view of the fact that the Proprietors were not prepared to forego even the smallest part of their dividend. This further added to the financial embarrassments of the Company. Nor were the strength and the state of efficiency of its fighting forces adequate to cope with the responsibilities of a more extensive empire.

As to the financial bankruptcy of the Company's Government, the reader may be referred to a letter of the Fort William Council, dated 25 March 1785, addressed to the Court of Directors. Para. 102 of the letter states that during 1781/82 alone, disbursements on military operations far exceeded the revenues of Fort William while little revenue could be collected by the Presidencies of Fort St. George and Bombay. From the year 1781 onwards it was really extraordinary how resources could be provided equal to the amount of expenditure when the actual military expense of each of the Presidencies within that period, independently of any other expenses, amounted to perhaps double the net produce of the Company's total revenues in India. Somehow or the other the Company continued to find resources in order to fight its enemies in India both foreign and Indian. But after concluding its operations first against the Marathas and then against Tipu Sultan and the French, the Company found itself on the verge of insolvency (1785). During the previous years, the Company had raised all types of loans both in Europe and in India to get over its financial difficulties. Now, even the monthly salaries and allowances of the civil and military staff had to be paid partly in cash and partly by certificates to meet the financial crisis. In the Presidency of Madras the situation became alarming, when the 13th, 32nd and 33rd Sepoy Battalions openly revolted for non-payment of dues. The spread of this contagion to other regiments was seriously feared. The Fort William Board wondered whether Tipu Sultan was trying to exploit the helplessness of the Madras Government by secretly instigating the disaffected sepoys to join his forces on enhanced pay and allowances.[1] The Government of Madras became so short of finances that at one time they contemplated dismounting their entire cavalry and stopping payment to the King's forces stationed there.[2] The situation was, however, saved by the Fort William government which managed to supply

1. Secret Progs. No. 13, 14 November 1785.
2. Secret Letter to Court, 9 January 1786, para. 3.

some ready money to Madras for making immediate payments to the army personnel as partial relief.[3] The position in Bombay and Bengal was no better either and symptoms of mounting dissatisfaction were visible in their armies as well. To meet this critical situation the Company planned to adopt a large-scale reduction in its civil and military expenditure.

It was no wonder, therefore, that the Court of Directors and the British Parliament had to call halt to the reckless speed with which the Company's officers in India were pursuing their military career. They had already done so in passing the Pitt's India Act in 1784. Clauses XXXIV and XXXV of the Act had forbidden the Governor-General and Council at Fort William and the Presidency governments of Fort St. George and Bombay respectively, to make war against the Indian rulers or to enter into any new commitments with them which might drag the Company into the orbit of their conflicts. "For as much as to pursue schemes of conquest and extension of dominion in India" said the Act, "are measures repugnant to the wish, the honour, and the policy of this nation it shall not be lawful for the Governor-General-in-Council to declare war, or to enter into any treaty for making war or for guaranteeing the possessions of any country, princes or states (except where hostilities against the British nation in India have been actually commenced or prepared) without express command and authority from the home Government." Although the restrictions laid down in the Act of 1784 were somewhat relaxed in the amended Act of 1786, to give free hand to Lord Cornwallis, it cannot be denied that at least for another ten years, the Court of Directors continued to view with apprehension any unnecessary involvement in military operations in India as harmful diversions from commerce to politics.

Cornwallis's successor Sir John Shore was temperamentally a 'Pacifist'. Consequently he insisted on a policy of conciliation and compromise to curb the widespread and continued discontentment among the European personnel of the army, both officers and ranks, in all the three Presidencies. To avert the danger of an open and wide-spread revolt among the European soldiery Sir John Shore went so far as to withhold the implementation of certain parts of the military regulations of 1796, which were disagreeable to the military personnel. In this conciliatory policy Shore fundamentally differed from Lord Hobart, Governor of Madras, who advocated use of force against mutinous elements (at Fort William).[4]

Even his aggressive successor, Lord Wellesley, when he was actively considering of striking a decisive blow against the ruler of Mysore, was advised caution by his brother Colonel Wellesley (Duke of Wellington) who wrote, "we are not in the fortunate circumstances which are desirable before we enter into a war, ...that is to say 'don't get into a war until you are prepared' ".[5]

During the decade preceding the period covered by the present volume, the weakness in the Company's military organization had been fully realised by all concerned. Coupled with the grave financial situation, it left the Company no alternative but to cry for peace. As a matter of fact this weakness in the war machine of the Company was inherent in its very origin. The

3. Secret Progs. No. 13, 14 November 1785.

4. Holden Furber, *Henry Dundas, First Viscount Melville, 1742-1811*, pp. 134-36.

5. Richard Aldington, *Life and Achievements of Arthur Wellesley, Being an Account of the Ist Duke of Wellington*, p. 58.

English East India Company had been formed as a commercial concern by a few enterprizing Englishmen who were interested more in earning dividends on their investments than in establishing British dominion in the East Indies. When the Company started establishing its trade centres in the country, the power of the Mughals was at its height; and the English factors could not then dream of even a distant possibility of having one day to step into the shoes of the former. Its main concern during that period was, therefore, to obtain greater trade concessions in India as against rival European Companies—the Danes, the Dutch and the French. To raise and keep an army of its own on the Indian soil was neither necessary nor possible then. That is the reason why we read in the early accounts of the Company that an ensign and thirty armed retainers were maintained chiefly to do honour to the Company's agents at Hooghly.[6] It was only in Bombay Presidency that a start was made with some sort of a regular force. When Bombay was transferred to the Company by the King of England in 1668, the King's two companies there comprising 5 officers, 139 Europeans of other ranks and 54 *topasses* joined the Company's service.

From such modest beginnings, however, the Company's army gradually grew into a formidable fighting force, particularly when it became necessary to defend its newly acquired territories in Bengal. In 1765 Fort William Presidency under the vigorous leadership of Clive, completely reformed its forces by organising them into proper brigades. As some of these changes came to form the basis of subsequent reforms in the Indian army, it will not be out of place to refer to them in this brief introduction. The entire Bengal army was divided into 3 brigades. The European Artillery which consisted of three companies of unequal strength was made up into four companies of equal strength, while the strength of the sepoy battalions was raised from nineteen to twenty-one. Each brigade was made an effective fighting unit which was now to compose of one company of artillery, one regiment of European infantry, one *risalah* of Indian cavalry and seven battalions of sepoys. The Colonels of European regiments were to command the brigades. Likewise each regiment was to have a uniform strength of nine companies with a corresponding strength of officers. Further, to raise and maintain a high standard of discipline and efficiency, the proportion of officers in the higher grades was considerably increased. So also the distribution of staff officers was made on more practical lines—a paymaster and a commissary of musters being attached to each brigade. Further, with a view to exercising more effective check on administration, the staff officers were appointed from amongst the civil servants of the Company.

But this was not the model for Bombay and Madras armies. As each Presidency continued to function directly under the Court of Directors till 1773 its armed forces grew on purely regional lines, each having its own Commander-in-Chief, its own rules and regulations, scales of pay and allowances. This legacy of olden days continued even after the Regulating Act vested in the Governor-General at Fort William the overall charge of the other two Presidencies. It was left to Lord Cornwallis to study the problems of military administration in India in its proper perspective and to suggest such measures as might be conducive to greater discipline and more efficiency in its working . To make his authority over the armed forces more effective the Court of Directors appointed Lord Cornwallis as

6. R. Orme, *History of the Military Transactions of the British Nation in Indostan from the Year 1745*, Volume II, p. 10.

Commander-in-Chief of all their forces in India. Cornwallis's first concern was about the Europeans in the Company's armies, who were very discontented with their conditions of service and whose fidelity was essential for the very existence of the Company's rule in India. Inviting early attention of the Directors to the deteriorating conditions of the military service Cornwallis observed, "The Company's military arrangements have by no means kept pace with the gradual increase of their territories, and the consequent occasional augmentations of their establishments; and the defects in the constitution of the army, are now of a nature, that unless remedied they would soon render the officers in general no less discontented with their situation, than unfit for the discharge of all duties which may be necessary for the protection of the British interests in India."[7] According to His Lordship's analysis, the principal causes of discontent among the officers of the Company's army were: (1) few prospects of promotion to senior rank as compared to the King's army, (2) frequent supersessions in the appointment of European commanding officers to native corps, (3) preference given to junior cadets having King's brevet commission over the Company's cadets in respect of promotions, and (4) great disparity in pay-scales of the Company's officers on the civil side as compared to their counterparts on the military side.

The Governor-General had really put his finger on the weak points and brought it to the notice of the home authorities in his letter with which he forwarded the representation of the grievances made by the European officers of the Bengal army.

Lord Cornwallis was contemplating amalgamation of the Company's armed forces with the King's forces so that the entire British army in India could be brought under the control of the British Crown. Sir George Yonge, a member of the British Parliament, had submitted to the Governor-General-designate in April 1786 a comprehensive plan for such amalgamation. The number of King's troops in India at that time consisted of one regiment of cavalry with 407 men and five regiments of infantry with a total strength of 5,500; while the Company's European forces consisted of 6,000 men. Besides the European soldiers, the E. I. Company had a large number of Indian troops. The whole force, European and Indian, exclusive of those serving under the Bombay Presidency was estimated at about 70,000. In July 1787 Sir George Yonge again wrote to the Governor-General on the subject enclosing two papers, one of these being his report to the King on raising the strength of the King's forces in India to 15,000 men.[8] His suggestions were favourably considered and had even gone up to the Cabinet for consideration of the government; but owing to the opposition of the Directors of the Company nothing further was done in the matter. The question of amalgamating the two forces was dropped for the time being. However, the Directors of the Company agreed : (i) to take four more King's regiments, and (ii) to permit the European officers of its own forces to enter into the King's regiments as part of the original establishment.

The rules and regulations which were to govern the new military arrangements were received in India in May 1796. Some of the noteworthy features of the new regulations were : (a) the rank of the Company's officers

7. Walter Badenach, *Inquiry into the State of the Indian Army with Suggestions for its Improvement and the Establishment of a Military Police for India,* p. 26.

8. Charles Ross, *Correspondence of Charles, First Marquis Cornwallis* (London, 1859), Vol. I, p. 329.

was made equal to that of their counterparts in the King's service; (b) two battalions of the Native Infantry were formed into one regiment to which the same number of officers were allowed as those attached to the King's troops; and (c) the regimental rise to the rank of Major was allowed. When the time came for the implementation of the new regulations a number of complications cropped up : technical, financial, and others of more or less allied nature. The present volume is largely taken up by the correspondence which passed between the Government of Fort William and the Directors of the Company to arrive at a solution of these problems. One such problem, for instance, was of fixing the pay and allowances and the place in seniority lists of those younger men who were recruited in England and sent to India to fill in the vacancies in junior ranks, created by the promotion of senior officers. These promotions had come about suddenly and in large numbers because of the introduction of new rules. Here and there we also come across attempts at making alterations and amendments in some of the old regulations in order to remove the defects which could not have been anticipated at the time of framing those rules.

Some of the other and more important measures to improve the efficiency of the army and also to increase its striking power were taken, a little later, by Lord Wellesley. Wellesley was appointed to the office of the Governor-General early in 1798 and with him there came a distinct change in the views of the British concerning the policy of acquiring fresh revenues and territory in India. England was then engaged in a war with France and French policy then was to strike at British power in the East. A number of Indian princes—Sindia, Holkar, Nizamul-Mulk and Tipu Sultan had already taken into their service French officers to train their armies. In fact, the ruler of Mysore had actually established contact with the French Governor of Mauritius and the latter had openly promised him help against the English (June 1798). Wellesley, who had in the meantime taken over charge at Calcutta, viewed the Indian political situation from the stand-point of Anglo-French struggle on the continent of Europe. A ripe and accomplished scholar with excellent knowledge of Indian problems (he was member of the Board of Control for a number of years), with his physical and mental faculties at their best (he was then only thirty-eight years of age), Wellesley was eminently fitted to take a comprehensive view of the political situation and to forecast how it was going to effect the future interests of his country. He decided to abandon the pacifist policy of his predecessor and adopt one which would make the British the supreme power in India. And to achieve this end, he knew that he will have to do a lot of fighting. This rendered it imperative to make organizational and other changes in the fighting forces of the Company.

Re-organisation of the Army

The re-organisation of the Company's army under the new regulations may, for the sake of convenience, be taken up in the following order.

European Infantry

The European infantry regiments came first for the deal. These were organised on the lines on which King's infantry regiments serving in the East Indies were formed. Each regiment was to have 12 companies of 100 rank and file each, with a regimental staff consisting of one Colonel, two Lieutenant Colonels, two Majors, seven Captains, one Captain Lieutenant,

twenty-five Lieutenants, ten ensigns, forty-eight sergeants, sixty corporals, twenty-six drum and fife and 1,140 privates with technical and menial staff as already allotted. The entire European Infantry establishment was not to exceed two regiments.

Cavalry

As there had been constant objections to maintaining a combined list of the cavalry and infantry officers the Bengal Government carried into effect in 1797, the separation of the two ranks and a resolution was passed by the Fort William Council by which in future no officers would be admitted to the cavalry but as cornets. However, we find that this rule could not be strictly observed as a sufficient number of vacancies did not exist for all the cadets appointed in England for the cavalry branch of the service. To obviate this difficulty it was decided that the cavalry cadets, then arriving in India, would be posted in the first instance to the infantry corps but transferred later as and when vacancies occurred on the cavalry side, but these officers were to forego all claim to rank in the infantry.[9] In order to improve the efficiency of Indian cavalry, the Fort William Board, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief allowed one *Havaldar* and one *Naik* for each cavalry troop, but with a view to leaving undisturbed the scheduled strength of a regiment, two troopers were to be removed from each unit.[10]

Native Infantry

As a result of the re-organisation of the army units a number of European officers had become surplus. In order to absorb these officers, the Court of Directors ordered the Fort William Council to raise one more regiment of Native Infantry in the Bengal Presidency to which the surplus European staff was to be attached. However, apprehensive of increasing the proportion of the Indian element in their army which they felt was already larger than what was safe, they decided to bring the strength of the Native Regiments to a uniform level of 1,400 privates each. The surplus sepoys, thus taken off the rolls of the existing 12 Native Regiments, were formed into the additional regiment to which the surplus European staff was then attached.[11] By a resolution of 30 October 1797 in the Secret Department the Fort William Board also decided to raise two more regiments of Native Infantry curiously numbered as 13th and 14th. In respect of these regiments the Court of Directors retracted from their own directions dated 8 January 1796. Convinced by the arguments of Sir Robert Abercrombie, the Commander-in-Chief, they agreed to vest the command of each company of a Native Regiment in 2nd Lt. Colonels and 2nd Majors. Similarly they accorded sanction to the appointment of an officer for each regiment who combined the duties of Adjutant and Quarter-Master.

Calcutta Militia

Owing to the exigencies of war with Tipu Sultan, and the consequent drain on the Bengal army, the Governor-General in Council decided to organise a militia force for the defence of Fort William and for performing other miscellaneous duties. Accordingly, on 29 October 1798 the first

9. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 90-92.
10. Letter to Court, 27 February 1797, para. 47.
11. Letter from Court, 6 June 1798, para. 14.

regular militia crops was formed in Calcutta. It consisted of 1,157 Europeans, 1,929 Portuguese and 150 Armenians. The militia was formed into companies each consisting of 4 Sergeants, 4 Corporals, 1 drummer, 1 fifer, and 180 privates with the usual proportion of Commanding Officers[12]. Lord Wellesley was of the view that the Calcutta Militia should be made a permanent feature but before accepting it the Directors awaited further details from the Governor-General regarding the expenses likely to be incurred on this establishment inclusive of arms, accoutrements and clothing.[13]

Bengal Volunteer Battalions

As stated above, there was a constant demand for soldiers especially European, for re-inforcing the army fighting against Tipu in the south. A call was made for volunteers and three battalions of ten companies each were raised and attached to the Bengal Army, and were named as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bengal Volunteer Battalions. The command of these was vested in Captains J. Malcolm, J. Tetly and L. Burrell respectively. A separate European Adjutant, a Sergeant Major and a Quarter Major Sergeant with the usual proportion of lascars and other types of workmen were also appointed for each of the above Battalions.[14]

Horse Artillery

This was practically a new arm introduced in India. As early as 5 August 1796, on the suggestion of Maj.-General St. Leser and Lord Cornwallis the Court of Directors had forwarded papers relating to the introduction of horse artillery in the Company's army to the Governor-General and Council, as during the late wars in Europe much advancement was made in that direction. It was decided in August 1797, to raise the first Horse Artillery unit to be attached to the independent Regiment of Hindustani Cavalry under the command of Maj. Bruce.[15] Consequently the equipment for the above unit consisting of one 12 pounder and one 6 pounder light brass guns and one 5½″ howitzer complete with travelling equipment was sent to India per ship the *Brunswick*.[16]

European Artillery

In view of the great importance of this arm, the Court of Directors decided in 1798 to further augment it so that each battalion of 5 companies was to consist of 1 Colonel, 1 Lt. Colonel, 1 Major, 5 Captains, 5 Capt. Lieutenants, 5 Lieutenant Fireworkers, 25 Sergeants, 25 Corporals, 50 gunners, 10 drummers and fifers and 350 matrosses with the usual existing staff. Out of the above strength three Battalions of European artillery were earmarked for the Bengal Presidency.[17]

Golandaz *Companies*

As the effective strength of the European Artillery could never be maintained owing to the shortage of European personnel, the authorities in India

12. Letter to Court, 24 December 1798, paras 90-93.
13. Letter from Court, 7 May 1800, para. 124.
14. Letter to Court, 24 December 1798, paras 82-84.
15. Letter to Court, 28 August 1797, paras 72-73.
16. Letter from Court, 18 April 1800, paras 12-14.
17. Letter from Court (Separate), 6 June 1798, paras 8-9.

had always felt the need of raising a few corps of *golandazes* or Indian gunners to meet the deficiency. The authorities at home, however, did not approve of the idea of permitting Indians to enter the artillery branch of their military service (*vide* Court of Directors Separate Letter dated 21 September, 1785). General Sir Eyre Coote had expressed a similar view as early as 1779. But the exigencies of war had compelled the British authorities in India to recruit Indian gunners; however, it was understood that they were never to form part of the permanent establishment of the Company's fighting force in India. In 1799, during the war with Tipu Sultan, the Fort William Council, on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief proposed to augment the then existing corps of the *Golandazes* by 40 *golandaz* privates to be added to 11 companies of European artillery. The Court of Directors accorded sanction to the scheme only as a temporary measure and with great reluctance but assured the Fort William Council that they would do their best to remove deficiency in European recruits for their Artillery by taking up that question with the Hon'ble the President of the Board of Commissioners. They further added that, "in the meantime we think it necessary to direct that you do not recruit any casualties which may take place in the Corps of Golundaz as we are decidedly of opinion the establishment of this Corps as a permanent measure is highly impolitic."[18]

Seniority and Promotion Rules

An important question which forms the subject of prolonged correspondence between the Court of Directors and the Fort William Board relates to the rules of seniority and promotion of the Company's military officers. Some of the rules on the subject were framed, altered or amended from time to time to adjust individual cases as they came up before the Court of Directors or the Fort William Board. Later, however, as the Company's forces grew in numbers and changes in their organization became necessary, it also became imperative to frame new rules and to remove some of the defects in the existing regulations which governed the fixation of pay, promotion and place in the seniority lists, of the army personnel. Although it cannot be said that all changes made in the old regulations or the new ones which were introduced during the period under review were fool-proof, yet they reveal that genuine efforts were made to remove certain anomalies and long-standing defects in the existing rules. Among the anomalies was the practice of the Directors to use their authority and permit a commissioned officer recruited by them in England to join service in India, later than others recruited with him in the same season, allowing him to retain his seniority according to his place in the list of appointees. This created unnecessary complications for the governments of the Presidencies in India to whom the recruits were sent, as according to the rules of service seniority was to take effect from the time a person actually joined his post in India. It caused heart-burning and jealousy among the officers whose promotions were thereby delayed. Another grievance of the Company's officers was that the officers of King's army serving in the Company's armies were treated as senior to their counterparts in the Company's service and were consequently eligible for senior commands ahead of the latter. Then there obtained the practice among the army officers of proceeding to Europe on furlough and then submitting their resignations from there with the result that promotions in the resultant vacancies could not take effect till the intimation about those

18. Letters to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 88-89 and 24 December 1798, para. 80 and Letter from Court, 7 May 1800, para. 120.

vacancies was actually received by the respective Presidencies. There was yet another factor which created administrative difficulties. This was the practice lately introduced of maintaining common seniority list of infantry and cavalry officers and of determining their seniority according to regimental rank regardless of the fact whether an officer belonged to infantry or cavalry branch of the service.

As a first step in the simplification of the seniority rules, the Fort William Council decided (in May 1797) to separate the corps of cavalry from the infantry and also implemented their decision in anticipation of the sanction of the Court of Directors.

Of the other changes introduced in this respect one related to the seniority of the Company's officers *vis-a-vis* the officers of His Majesty's army serving in the Company's forces, and the other to the procedure for making appointments in India in place of the officers who had retired in England at the end of their furlough. In this case, however, the Fort William Council as well as the military authorities in India had to face a rather strong opposition on the part of the Court of Directors who were not yet prepared to make any basic change in the existing procedure; and they stated it clearly in their letters addressed to the Council dated 2 March 1798 (para. 9) and 29 May 1799 (para. 39). But the Fort William Council were convinced of the validity and force of their case and felt strongly that the earlier these drawbacks were removed, the better it was for the services and for the government. It was considered expedient therefore to take up the matter piecemeal with the authorities at home. In their letters dated 29 August (para. 54) and 31 December, 1799 (para. 24) they wrote to the Court of Directors that permission be accorded to the respective Presidency governments to fill up vacancies in their respective armies from the date of casualties, as this would prevent the serious injury which the Company's officers sustained in their rank with relation to the officers of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India. To add force to their arguments, the Fort William Council quoted specific cases where the seniority of officers was adversely affected because of the existing practice of notifying promotions from the date when the orders of the Court were actually received by the Presidency government concerned. The Court of Directors had recently sent certain orders pertaining to promotions being made in the place of officers who had retired in England. These orders were despatched per ships the *William Pitt* and the *Lord Thurlow*. As these ships touched Madras before proceeding to Calcutta, the Fort St. George government naturally issued notification about the promotions of their respective officers prior to the date of issue of similar orders by the Fort William Government in respect of the latter's officers. Now in accordance with the standing orders of the Court, dated 14 March 1798, seniority was to be determined from the date of issue of notification by each Presidency. It meant, therefore, that in regard to the case in point those promoted in Madras were to be treated as senior to those who were promoted a few days later in Bengal even though they were senior to the Madras officers before the notification was made. To avoid any harm being done to officers of the Bengal army, the Fort William Council was obliged to issue an amending order to the effect that the officers of the Bengal establishment on the present occasion be considered promoted from 31 July *viz.* the date on which the officers of Madras establishment were promoted. The Court of Directors were informed of it in

the letter dated 31 December 1799, in which it was further stressed that, "As great inconvenience to the Public Service is likely to arise from the want of a permanent Regulation fixing uponf air and indisputable principles the period from which all casualties occurring in Europe among the Company's officers shall be filled up, we take the liberty of repeating our recommendation to your Hon'ble Court that you will authorize the Governments at the several Presidencies to fill up all such casualties, whether occasioned by Resignations or Retirement from the actual dates of the casualties". This appeared to them to be the only "mode of obviating the inconvenience to which we have alluded, and although it is possible (in the event of your Hon'ble Court complying with our recommendations) that Officers at one Presidency may still obtain Promotion in consequence of casualties occurring in Europe before their seniors at the other Presidencies, we are of opinion that there will be no grounds for complaints or Jealousy as the Officers in general will have an equal chance in this respect, and their claims to fill the respective Vacancies will be determined by a fixed general rule".[19]

As to the grievance regarding the regulation which permitted promotions by regimental rank and the advantageous position in which it placed those who were holding charge of the native regiments, the Court of Directors saw no reason to depart from the principles laid down in their Separate Letter dated 8 January 1796. However, in their Separate Letter dated 6 June 1798 (paras 36-39) they made the following modifications :

(1) The officers of European Infantry battalions were to be promoted by seniority in their respective regiments up to the rank of Major and afterwards to the higher ranks by seniority in the whole corps;

(2) The same rule was to be applied in regard to promotions of officers in the Native Infantry and Native Cavalry.

There was yet another anomaly which needed to be removed. This had arisen from the Court's resolution in 1768 by which among the cadets of the same season those who had held commissions in His Majesty's army were treated as senior to others. In ranking the cadets the Court observed this rule only for a couple of years, but in Bengal it became the general practice. Clever cadets took advantage of this practice, obtained commissions in the King's army before embarking for India and became senior to others of the same season. The Fort William Board had to concede the claim of seniority of one Thomas Russell White on these grounds. But while doing so in their letter dated 15 May 1798 (para. 25) they requested the Court that this benefit should be given to only such cadets as had not only procured the commissions but actually served in their regiments. The Court in their letter dated 28 August 1800 (paras 5-9) re-examined the whole question and decided that the Fort William Board's ranking of cadets already in India was not to be disturbed. But in future only those cadets who had done actual service in the King's army for a whole year were to be treated as senior to others of the same season. The rule was to take retrospective effect for 1798 and 1799 as cadets of those seasons had not yet arrived in India. As for White, he had already been approved by the Court as a cadet before he produced the King's commission. Besides

19. Letter to Court, 31 December 1799, para. 132.

he had served as an ensign in the Tower Hamlet's militia only for a couple of months. He, therefore, was not to be senior to others of his season.

General Reforms

During this period many changes were introduced in matters like (a) grant of compensation for unsold commissions; (b) equalizing of allowances in the three Presidencies; (c) furlough rules; (d) off-reckoning allowance; (e) retirement benefits; (f) table allowance; (g) passage money rules; and (h) relief to invalids, etc.

Unsold Commissions

The question of giving compensation for unsold commissions assumed importance because of the claim made in 1798 by George Lys, formerly a Captain in His Majesty's 76th Regiment serving in Madras Presidency. He applied for a denominated subsistence for the unsold ensigncy which had become vacant in succession to his company. The Madras Government referred it to Bengal for decision. The Fort William Council thereupon resolved that "for the period during which such Commissions remain unsold, the persons entitled to the Money arising from the Sale of the Commissions shall Receive the pay of the Vacant Commission for Six Months and from the expiration of that period, the legal Interest on the amount of the purchase Money fixed by His Majesty's Regulation."[20] The Council also decided to make it a general rule to be applied in all such cases and its adoption by the Madras Presidency was also recommended.

Equalizing of Pay and Allowances

The necessity of equalizing the pay and allowances of European troops in the Company's forces in the three Presidencies arose when additional pay was allowed to the King's troops in general by His Majesty's Warrant of 5 July 1797. The Court of Directors felt that the Europeans in Bengal army, whether of Company's or King's regiments, already received adequate emoluments necessary for them. In case the Fort William Board had already granted an increase their *batta* was to be proportionately reduced. But additional pay was sanctioned to Europeans in Bombay and Madras armies since they did not receive any *batta* unless in the field or marching. The object was to make the European soldier's net pay in each Presidency conform to one standard. The Court conveyed their orders in their letter dated 28 December 1798. But the Fort William Council felt that the Court was not fully aware of all the implications of their orders while passing them. So, they in their resolution of 15 February 1799 decided to alter the emoluments of Europeans in the Bengal army. They pleaded to the Court that though the arrears on account of the increase amounted to *sikka* Rs. 38,676, calculated per month it cost the Company *sikka* Rs. 1484-10-1 only.[21]

Again, when the Court of Directors in their letter of 29 May 1799 ordered that the monthly allowance of 100 current rupees granted to the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments and those serving in the Company's European Corps be discontinued, the Fort William Council exercising their

20. Letter to Court, 24 December 1798, para. 67.

21. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, para. 60.

discretion compensated these Adjutants by allowing them a staff allowance of 60 *sanwat* rupees per month.[22]

The different rules governing the grant of *batta* rates in the three Presidencies was yet another cause of dissatisfaction among the Company's army officers. The Court of Directors, therefore, issued an order in their letter dated 6 June 1798 to the effect that the *batta* granted to officers in consequence of their brevet rank be discontinued and that "no Officer either in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India or in the Company's service be allowed higher *batta* than that he is entitled to by his Regimental Rank."

In their above letter the Court of Directors also took note of the resolution of the Fort William Council dated 1 May 1796 by which the Council had promoted certain officers in the Bengal army to brevet rank with retrospective effect from 9 July 1783 which had thus entitled them to the *batta* of their rank from the same date. The Directors felt agitated as they thought that the *batta* expenses would continue to increase "in respect of officers who are not promoted by the new arrangement to the full rank they hold by Brevet." The Court of Directors therefore drew the attention of the Council to the latter's earlier resolution of 4 September 1787 to the effect that no officer in His Majesty's service should receive greater pay or allowances than he might be entitled to by his regimental rank. The Directors presumed that the Fort William Board was not implementing its own resolutions and instead followed Madras Presidency where during the time of Sir Archibald Campbell "Batta was allowed to His Majesty's officers according to their local or Brevet Rank." They were also afraid that "every future promotion by Brevet of which the extent cannot be known will increase the Amount and upon a Ground that has no reference to length of Service, but merely to a temporary or local rise in His Majesty's Service." While implementing the Court's orders regarding the stoppage of *batta* to brevet ranks, the Fort William Council in their own orders dated 15 October 1798 made an exception in the case of those staff officers who drew superior *batta* before the introduction of brevet rank. The Court had sanctioned an additional allowance of one rupee a day to such of the Lieutenants as were holding the Brevet rank of Captain since 1796 after 15 years' service. The Council extended this allowance from 1 November 1798 to all Brevet Captains excepting those who were already drawing Captain's *batta* in special circumstances. These orders were to be published by the Governments of Bombay and Madras also in respect of their armies with necessary local modifications.[23]

Off-reckonings

This allowance was admissible to the European officers out of the annual funds meant for the provision of clothing to the soldiers and sepoys and as such used to form quite a substantial amount of income of those officers. By the military regulations of 1796 the Artillery Captains and the Adjutants of the European Regiments were deprived of a share in the above allowance. The change was resented and with a view to assuaging the feeling of discontent among these officers, the Fort William Council sanctioned a sum

22. Letter to Court, 31 July 1800, paras 35-6.
23 Letter to Court, 31 December 1799, paras 117-19.

of rupees one hundred per month to the Adjutants of the Company's European Battalions who had enjoyed this allowance since the enforcement of the regulations of 1787,[24] but the Court disallowed such allowance to the Adjutants of King's Regiments. The Council also allowed the Artillery Captains who had been deprived of the off-reckonings share under the new rulest to draw in lieu thereof a fixed amount of *sikka* rupees 843-10-9 per annum.[25] The complaints made by the persons concerned regarding the delay caused in the payment of this allowance were also looked into. Clothing to the troops used to be provided in the month of November every year so that the off-reckonings could be distributed among the officers concerned by the close of the official year ending on 30 April. But of late the distribution of this allowance was being delayed even beyond two years. The Commander-in-Chief laid a minute before the Council saying that "as the Surplus arising from the off-reckonings form a very considerable portion of the Incomes of Colonels in Europe and of the General Officers unemployed in India, it was much to be regretted that a division of the Surplus of the Off-reckonings could not take place at stated periods as soon as possible after it became due." In order to avoid the hardships arising from the delay in the disbursement of this fund, the Commander-in-Chief proposed that the officers concerned should be allowed advances against their shares in the allowance to be adjusted at the time of final payment. The proposal was approved by the Council on 16 July 1799, which ordered that as the average share of each Colonel from this fund amounted to 7,000 *sikka* rupees, he should be allowed to draw 2/3 of the above amount *viz.* a sum of 4,500 *sikka* rupees [approximately] 3 months after the close of each official year, the balance to be drawn on the completion of the accounts. The Council also decided to extend this benefit to such officers commanding independent corps as were eligible to receive the above allowance.[26]

Passage Money

In their letter dated 15 January 1796 (para. 73) the Court had agreed to allow passage money to subaltern officers returning to Europe on grounds of ill-health. In their subsequent letter of 6 June 1798 the Court fixed this amount at *sikka* Rs. 1,000 for assistant surgeons and cadets as well. As regards the officers of the King's troops going to England on recruiting service, they were to produce a certificate from the Commander-in-Chief to that effect to be entitled to passage money.[27] The rules framed by the Fort William Board in respect of passage money did not expressly mention Captain Lieutenants of the artillery. However, when one Captain Lt. J. Collier of artillery applied for it the Fort William Board granted it considering that Captain Lieutenants drew the same pay as Lieutenants and Collier had obtained permission to proceed on furlough for the recovery of his health. Passage money was, however, not admissible to subaltern officers proceeding to Europe on retirement from service even if the retirement was due to ill-health.[28]

24. Letter from Court, 23 May 1798, para. 79.
25. Letter to Court, 27 February 1800, para. 14.
26. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 69-77.
27. Letter from Court, 23 May 1798, para. 5.
28. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 209-10 and 212.

Table Allowance

According to the regulations of 10 April 1771 and the Fort William Board's resolution of 12 June 1797 table allowance of Rs. 1,000 p.m. was admissible to the Colonels of the King's and Company's Regiments and of Battalions of Artillery. An interesting point arose when Col. J. Macdonald of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry sought to be informed whether the allowance was admissible when he was on leave with the Commander-in-Chief's permission. The Fort William Council considered the question and laid down in accordance with the Governor-General's minute in the Secret Department dated 30 November 1798 that table allowance could be given to Colonels only when they were on actual duty with the regiments or battalions as Colonels and not otherwise. As a result of this decision, the Council claimed to have made a substantial saving under the above head of expenditure.[29]

Retirement Rules

With a view to removing some of the grievances resulting from the old retirement rules. the Court of Directors made the following amendments *vide* their letter of 6 June 1798 (para. 99) :

(a) Without reference to any specific period of service every officer having attained the rank of either Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain or Captain Lieutenant was allowed to retire on half pay of his respective rank.

(b) In case of ill-health, a Lieutenant after 13 years, and an Ensign, Lieutenant Fireworker or Colonel after 9 years of service, could retire on half pay of his rank.

(c) An officer of the rank of Lieutenant whose health was so impaired that he could not continue in India was permitted to retire on the half pay of an Ensign. In order to prevent the misuse of these concessions, however, the officer concerned was required to produce sufficient proof in support of his case.

Military Chaplains

Under the regulations of 6 June 1798, the service conditions of the military chaplains were also improved and some of their long-standing grievances redressed. The initiative had been taken by the military chaplains of the Bengal Presidency who had specifically represented in 1796 that they should be given the benefits of pay on furlough and retirement. The Court of Directors therefore made the following rules in respect of their service :

(a) Chaplains attached to the army or military stations were allowed to come home on furlough for three years with full pay of their corresponding rank *viz.* the rank of Captain.

(b) For earning the benefit of furlough, a chaplain had to complete 7 years service in India. Those who had been in ill-health and had certificates to that effect were, however, exempted from this rule. The proportion of chaplains to be permitted to come home on furlough was, however, left to the discretion of the Presidency government concerned.

29. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 219-21.

(c) They could retire after completing 18 years of service, which as usual included 3 years of furlough period, on the scale of pay admissible to Captains. But for procuring this benefit, a chaplain had to complete at least ten years at a military station and be able to produce a certificate of having performed his duty faithfully and diligently.[30]

In 1799, on the representation of Rev. Dr. Ward the Fort William Council permitted every chaplain at military station to have the assistance of a clerk who could be either a non-commissioned officer or a private soldier, with an allowance of *sanwat* Rs. 12 per month.[31]

Relief to Invalids

The Bengal Government had set up an Invalid Lascar Company at Chittagong with a view to providing some work with remuneration for those who had become invalids in the service of the Company. It could also serve in case of emergency the purpose of a corps of trained military men. In the beginning of 1799 a list of disabled arsenal lascars and magazine men was prepared for enrolment at Chittagong. The *sardars* of this Company were allowed the salary of 1st *tandels* and the workmen the pay of lascars. But as some of the invalid lascars were unable to move to Chittagong they were permitted to stay at Fort William and were allowed to receive their allowances from the Commissary of Stores.[32]

Military Stores

The Company's and King's forces in India depended for supplies of arms and other military stores almost entirely on imports from England. During the time of war, however, this mode of supply did not always prove to be adequate or satisfactory. Lately during the war with Tipu Sultan Lord Cornwallis had begun to feel the imperative need of streamlining this important department of government. To the shortage of supply of the war materials was now added the deficiency in standard and quality of the materials supplied. To meet at least partially a difficult situation like this, the Military Board at Fort William made some very useful proposals to the Governor-General and Council. One of these related to the starting of a temporary establistment of armourers and gun stockers at Calcutta, for repairing small arms like old muskets and pistols. Monthly expenses of the establishment would be *sikka* rupees 752/-, and the repaired muskets and pistols were to be used by the *Sibandi* Corps and for shipping.[33] The Fort William Council felt that experiments should be made for the manufacture in India, of a few items of military equipment which could be fabricated locally at much cheaper rates, without lowering standards. And therefore the manufacture of gun-carriages had been undertaken. It was estimated that the cost of the carriage for an 18 pounder field gun would come to only 910-3-8½ *sikka* rupees.[34] The Court of Directors in their letter dated 5 July 1797, addressed to the government of Fort William, suggested that all the papers of the committee appointed for improving construction of gun-carriages be forwarded to the Madras Government. That Government requested for specimen gun-carriages for 8″ howitzer and

30. Letter from Court, 6 June 1798, paras 90-97.
31. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 62-63.
32. *Ibid.*, paras 113-15.
33. Letter to Court, 27 February 1797, para. 31.
34. Letter to Court, 28 August 1797, para. 14.

18 pounder guns along with Lt. Taylor's improved screw-quoin for guns. These articles and the requisite information was supplied to the Presidency of Fort St. George to enable that government to undertake the manufacture of these stores.[35]

In making saddles for the cavalry horses, however, the experiment proved a failure and the report submitted by the Fort William Board explains the reason. "Experience has shown that saddles made in the Country either from defects in their construction or from the quality of materials, subject you to very heavy expenses, as well from the necessity of their frequent renewal as from the injuries which they occasion to the Horses." The report further states, "These Saddles cannot be relied on in a protracted campaign and the most serious evils to the Service are to be apprehended from the use of them. In consideration therefore of the many disadvantages which result to the service from a preseverance in the use of Country Saddles and with a view to economy as well as to the efficiency in this useful and expensive branch of your Military Establishment We beg leave to repeat our recommendation that you will send out as early as possible at least two thousand sets of Cavalry saddles and Bridles complete, and that you will also keep up this stock by an annual supply of at least one thousand Saddles and Bridles."[36]

But in respect to the manufacture of elevating screws for garrison and battering guns, the experiments made at the Calcutta expense magazine proved successful, and in 1799 it was decided to manufacture these screws for 200 guns in the first instance. Similarly, the magazine was able to fabricate a lathe for this purpose at a cost of only 600 *sikka* rupees.[37]

During this period steps were also taken to improve the quality of gunpowder manufactured at the Falta factory, and to start another factory of gunpowder at Allahabad at a cost of *sikka* rupees 83,674-14-0. The Allahabad factory was placed under the charge of Captain Joseph Taylor. To ensure that gunpowder of superior quality was manufactured at both of the above factories, the Military Board was directed to lay down specific regulations in that respect.[38]

For maintaining the quality and ensuring the quantity of the arms and military stores supplied from Europe, the Military Board had suggested in 1797 the establishment of a board of military officers in England to superintend the provision of these stores. They had further recommended that it was in the interest of the Company to establish its own manufactory of small arms in England.[39] However, it seems that the Directors could not do much to rectify these defects at their end as many of the arms received on board the ships the *Charlton*, the *Asia* and the *Sir Stephen Lushington* in February 1800, were found to be unserviceable and the Fort William Council had to draw the attention of the Directors to it. The Council hoped that "this object will necessarily attract your most Serious attention, as being intimately connected with the efficiency of your Army in India, and we cannot express more Strongly than the exigency of the case requires our anxiety that an effectual remedy should be applied to an evil pregnant

35. Letter to Court, 31 August 1798, para. 12.
36. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 283-84.
37. Letter to Court, 31 December 1799, paras 145-150.
38. Letter to Court, 31 July 1800, paras 81-90.
39. Letter to Court, 27 February 1797, para. 40.

with consequences so alarming."[40] A little later the Council had again to protest that the swords received at Fort William per the *Lady Burges,* the *Marquis of Wellesley* and the *Earl St. Vincent* were found to be unserviceable.[41]

Military Stud-Farm

The need to have a stud-farm for raising good breed of horses in India was felt because of the constantly rising prices of horses for the cavalry and a Board of Superintendence had been set up for looking after the stud-farm. The Board approached the Fort William Council for the sanction of a sum of *sikka* rupees 4,000/- for purchasing the English horse "Capsicum", so as to cross this stallion with the Arabian breed of fillies. While requesting for the funds, the Board assured the Government that considerable success had already been achieved in improving the breed of horses as a result of new arrangements in the *Zamindari* Department.[42] As regards procurement of horses in the open market a cavalry horse was available for Rs. 400, but to obtain a horse of good strong breed an increased price had to be paid. The Board therefore availed of the presence of the Governor-General in the Upper Provinces to request him to ascertain the prices.[43]

At the same time steps were taken to introduce foreign varieties of grass in this country which were considered more suitable for the military horses; and one Mr. Mallet who had been experimenting on foreign grasses on his farm was taken into service by the Fort William Council at a monthly salary of Rs. 250/- and his instruments of husbandry were bought by the Govt. for Rs. 3,000.[4] A decision was also taken to rear cows of good quality in India for which purpose the Board of Superintendence recommended the purchase of two bulls and six milch cows either of Lancashire or North Devon breed.

Military Board and Fort William Council

In 1798 a dispute arose between the Fort William Council and the Military Board regarding the privilege of making appointments. Controversy centred round the appointment of Lt. Fireworker Beaghan as Deputy Commissary of Ordnance at Fort Marlbro' in place of Mr. Pudner who had solicited leave on grounds of ill-health. The Military Board which had made Beaghan's appointment sought the Fort William Council's approval. The Council thereupon made Beaghan's appointment permanent. This was resented by the Military Board firstly because they had suggested Beaghan's appointment only as a temporary arrangement; secondly they claimed that under the regulations of 28 October 1775 making of appointments in the Ordnance Department was their exclusive privilege. The Fort William Council asserted that its authority in respect of appointments in every branch of the service was supreme. As for Beaghan's appointment, it was made permanent because from the application of Mr. Pudner (whom Beaghan was to replace) it was clear that he did not wish to go back to Fort Marlbro'.

40. Letter to Court, 27 February 1800, para. 29.

41. Letter to Court, 27 November 1800, para. 53.

42. Letter to Court, 29 August 1799, paras 202-3.

43. Letter to Court, 27 February 1797, para. 20.

44. Letter to Court, 24 December 1798, paras 136-8.

Another question relating to the Military Board was that of salaries of its members. The Fort William Council had appointed Col. Hussey, to preside over the Military Board till the arrival of its permanent President Maj. General Deare. The Quarter Master General Col. Dyer, a member of the Military Board felt that he was being bypassed and demanded that either he should be declared a senior member of the Board, or special salary should be given to all members of the Board. The Fort William Council adopted a rather stiff attitude and informed the Board that attendance at the Board was a part of the duty of its members and therefore no extra salary could be allowed to the Quarter Master General or any other member of the Military Board on this account.[45] The Court of Directors fully supported the Fort William Council in these issues. In their letter dated 7 May 1800 (paras 25-6) they declared that the Military Board had no independent or exclusive authority and that it should, therefore, always act under the Governor-General-in-Council as expressly provided in para. 29 of their letter dated 21 September 1785. As to the claim of the Quarter Master General for an additional allowance, the Court of Directors approved of the Council 'having given this very extraordinary claim, a most decided negative.' They further ordered that, "If Colonel Dyer shall manifest any further dissatisfaction with the terms upon which we require his attention to the duties of the Military Board, you will remove him from his situation as Quarter Master General and appoint a proper Person to succeed to that valuable and important Office."

Mutiny and Indiscipline

It will not be without interest to mention here that the Europeans in the Bengal army both rank and file were not very happy over the reforms introduced in January 1796. Large-scale representations were made by them which the government forwarded to the Court of Directors. The Court felt very indignant but hoped that with experience the officers would realize the benefits of the new arrangements. However, they could not ignore the growing tendency towards indiscipline among their European officers. The Court's letter, by which some modifications in the new arrangements were ordered contained, therefore, the following remarks: ". . . we are induced to draw a Veil over the past conduct of those Officers whose addresses have been the subject of the foregoing animadversions but necessary as it is for us to preserve that respect and subordination which is so much our due from them in every view and to deter all our Military Servants from such proceedings in future. we hereby direct that if any of our Officers hereafter presume to address themselves to our Governments in an offensive intemperate, or disrespectful style upon the subject of orders received from us, such Officers whatever be their Rank or Service be immediately dismissed from our employ and sent to England."[46]

The other instance in which the spirit of revolt manifested itself was the open mutiny on the part of the Artillery Corps of the Madras army in 1798. The mutineers returned to duty only when Maj. Gen. Geils conceded their demands. The Madras Government, however, suspended Geils for his leniency towards the mutineers. The Bengal Government authorized them to send him back to England, if necessary.[47]

45. Letter to Court, 13 March 1798, paras 133-41.
46. Letter from Court (Separate), 6 June 1798, para. 11[illegible]
47. Letter to Court, 24 December 1798, para. 64[illegible]

LETTERS FROM COURT

LETTER DATED 20 JANUARY 1797

Fees to be deducted from brevet officers' pay—Company authorized to export sundry garrison, ordnance and naval stores—appointment of cadets and assistant surgeons.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last letter to you in this Department was dated the 5th August 1796.

2. We have received your letters in the Military Department dated 1st March, 30th April and 30th June 1796.

3. By the Pitt were transmitted you the Brevet Commissions[1] granted by His Majesty to Officers on your Establishment, on which as we have advanced the Fees, the same must be stopped from the Officers Pay respectively at the rate of 2 s. 6 d. P Sonat Rupee. The amount is as follows:

Major General's	Commission	£12
Colonel's	Do.	10-8
Major's		9-9
Major	Do.	9-5

4. Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an Order* of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison, Ordnance and Naval Stores to their several Presidencies, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may avoid the heavy Penalties to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact copy of the Indorsement of the Cockets sent by the Ships whereon such stores are laden and not the particular contents of each Package.

5. In consequence of a Request from the Master General and Board of Ordnance, we direct that orders be given to our Storekeeper to make

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XIV, 1797, p. 26.

such supplies of Ordnance Stores as may from time to time be required by the Admiral or Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet stationed at your Presidency for the Ships belonging to his Squadron, and you must be careful to furnish us with the necessary Vouchers, in order that the amount of the value of such Stores may be accounted for to the Company by the Board of Ordnance.

6. We have permitted Lieut. James Campbell Mitchell to return to his rank in our Service at your Presidency.

7. We have permitted Mr. Michael Magrath to return to his rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

8. We have resolved to appoint Thirty three Cadets and Twenty five Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency this Season.

9. We forword in the Packet several Brevet Commissions granted by His Majesty to Officers in the Company's Service under your Presidency respecting which you will follow the directions contained in a preceding Paragraph of this Letter.

10. The Fees on a Captain's Commission are Eight Pounds fifteen Shillings.

11. Major David Woodburn of your Artillery Establishment has requested permission to retire from the Service on the Pay of that Rank stating the period of his actual service to have commenced in the year 1770.

12. On a diligent inspection of your Records for that year, no trace is to be found of Major Woodburn's first Appointment of Cadet, which it appears was made by the Government of that time—We therefore direct that you cause the most particular enquiry to be made into this circumstance in order to ascertain the precise date of Major Woodburn's Appointment in the Service as a Cadet, and inform us thereof by the first Ships.

13. We have permitted Major Woodburn to remain in Europe until next Season.

We are

Your Affectionate Friends

D. Scott/Hugh Inglis/J. Smith Burges/ Thos. T. Metcalfe/George Tatem/W. Bensley/Thos. Parry/Stepn. Williams/ G. W. Thellusson/John Roberts/John Travers/Paul Le Mesurier/W. Elphinstone/J. Hunter/Joseph Cotton/ Abram. Robarts.

London
the 20th January 1797

LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1797

Decision to appoint Lt. George Robinson Military Auditor General in absence of Sir John Murray—order to realise one thousand pounds from Bengal Orphan Society—appointment of assistant surgeons.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 20th January.

2. Having taken into our consideration the great importance of the Office of Military Auditor General, and the peculiar qualifications requisite for the due discharge of it's duties, and also the very able, honourable and satisfactory manner in which it appears the business of the Department was conducted by Lieutenant Robinson during the two Years and an half he held the Office, as well as the strong and repeated testimonials of your Government during the Administration of the Marquis Cornwallis of his very great abilities, merits, and Services; and having also reason to believe that our Service would not be equally benefited by the appointment of Mr. Scawen, who, by our orders of the 17th of May 1780 and 31st July 1787 was to succeed to the Office; We have thought proper to appoint Lieutenant George Robinson to be Military Auditor General, upon the death, resignation, or removal of Sir John Murray; and should Mr. Scawen have succeeded to the Office previously to the receipt of these our Orders, We direct that our present Orders respecting Lieutenant Robinson be carried into immediate execution, and that Mr. Scawen do resume his former Station of Deputy, And in case of the death or resignation of Mr. Robinson, we leave it to you to appoint a Person to the Office of Military Auditor General, whom you shall deem best qualified for the dischorge of the duties of the important Station subject however to our future Confirmation.

3. In thus departing however from the principle we have in general observed, of leaving to our respective Governments the several appointments [of ?] Offices in India, we are not unware of the suggestion contained in your Letter of May 1794 respecting this Office; but the eminent qualifications of Lieutenant Robinson for it, from his knowledge, abilities and long experience of its Duties make us extremely anxious that the public service should benefit thereby as soon as possible after the same shall be vacated by Sir John Murray.

4. And as Mr. Scawen has been so long in our Service, we authorize your putting him into any other Office for which you deem him better

adapted with a Salary, equal but not exceeding that which was the Salary of the Commissary General by our Orders of April 1785.

5. The Managers resident in England of the Bengal Orphan Society having requested us to advance them the sum of One thousand Pounds on their giving Bills on the Society in Bengal payable at sight, we have agreeably to the recommendation in your Letter of the 31st January 1795 advanced them the said sum : and transmit you in Duplicate a Letter from those Gentlemen addressed to the Managers of the Bengal Military Orphan Society in Bengal desiring them to repay into the Company's Treasury there the sum of One thousand Pounds at such exchange as the Governor General and Council shall agree to; you will therefore call upon the Managers to repay the said sum into our Treasury accordingly.

6. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in part of the number we this Season (1796) agreed to send thither Vizt. : Messrs John Browne, Edward Cooke, Walter Holcombe Robertson, George Neville Wyatt, Richard Dinmore, Hector Tulloh, John Martin.

7. We have to report to you the deaths of Major General Sir Alexander Mackenzie Bart and Lieutenant Edward Mc Cullock formerly of your Establishment.

8. We have permitted Mr. James Lynd formerly a Head Surgeon of your Establishment to retire from the service with the allowance specified in the new regulations.

9. On a representation from Lieutenant John Odell Rock of your Establishment of his distressed circumstances and ill state of health, we have advanced him the sum of (£85) Eighty five Pounds, which you are to deduct from the sum Lieutenant Rock would have been entitled to for passage Money of his rank under the regulations in force at your Presidency respecting such Allowance previous to the new Arrangement.

We are

Your Affectionate Friends

D. Scott/Hugh Inglis/John Roberts/ W. Bensley/Thos. Parry/G. W. Thellusson/J. Smith Burges/Stepn. Williams/John Travers/A. Robarts/ F. Baring/Jacob Bosanquet/Lionel Darell.

London
the 1st March 1797.

[*Enclosure*]

(*Vide para.* 5)

Gentlemen,

We have the honour to inform you that we have this day drawn on you for the Sum of One thousand Pounds Sterlg., in favour of the Hon'ble

Court of Directors, advanced by them to us, in order to defray the necessary expences attending the Orphans under our care, which sum you will please, on receipt of this, to repay into the Company's Treasury at Bengal, at such exchange as the Governor and Council shall agree to.

We have the honour to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedient humble servants
G. Stibbert/James Johnson/Thomas Henchman/Thos. T. Metcalfe/Hugh Inglis.

Jany. 27th, 1797.

Excha. for £1000.

London, January 27th, 1797.

Gentlemen,

Please to pay to the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council of Bengal, at sight of this our Second of Exchange, (first and third not paid) the sum of One Thousand Pounds Sterling, being for value received from Hon'ble the Court of Directors of the East India Company, on account of the Bengal Military Orphan Society.

To
The Managers of the Bengal Military Orphan Society, Calcutta.

G. Stibbert/Hugh Inglis/Thos. Metcalfe/Sam. Johnson/Thomas Henchman.

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LETTER DATED 22 MARCH 1797

Appointment of Marquis Cornwallis as C.-in-C. and Lt. General Alured Clarke as his successor.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. We have appointed the Marquis Cornwallis to be Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces; and his Lordship is to be succeeded in the Command by Lieut. General Alured Clarke[1]. Such Succession, however, is not to prevent Lieut. General Clarke from succeeding Lord Hobart in

the Government of Madras, 'till the arrival of a Successor to his Lordship as mentioned in our Letter in the Public Department of the 31st August last.

2. If, previous to the arrival of Lord Cornwallis in India, Lieut. General Clarke, shall have succeeded to the Command of the Company's Forces, he is, upon his arrival, to resume his former Station of Commander in Chief at Madras until his Lordship's departure, when he is to succeed to the Government of Fort St. George, according to our former directions, until the arrival of a Successor.

We are

Your Affectionate Friends

D. Scott/Hugh Inglis/Lionel Darell/ J. Smith Burges/Thos. T. Metcalfe/ W. Bensley/John Roberts/Paul Le Mesurier / Stepn. Williams / Chars. Mills/John Travers/G. W. Thellusson/Joseph Cotton.

London,
the 22d March 1797

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LETTER DATED 19 APRIL 1797

New regulation regarding passage money allowance to subaltern officers—appointment of assistant surgeons—deposits to be made for persons going to Europe in attendance upon wives of non-commissioned officers.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last letter to you in this Department was dated the 22nd March.

2. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank in our Service at your Presidency, vizt.

Lieutenant Colonel Edmond Lambert

Captains Joseph Channing

Joseph Gascoyne

Thomas Wagstaffe, John Ashworth, Thomas Staunton } By Brevet

Lieutenant George Raban.

3. In consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case of Lieut. John Drummond of your Artillery Establishment who was obliged to come to Europe for his health not being allowed to land at the Cape according to the permission granted him by you we have consented on his Application to advance him the Sum of Eighty five Pounds (£. 85) which is to be deducted from the Passage money he would have been entitled to under the former Regulation relative to that Article.

4. Lieut. Drummond's Affidavit is a number in the Packet.

5. We have come to the following Resolution respecting Passage Money to Subaltern Officers which we communicate to you for your information and guidance, vizt.

"Resolved That no Subaltern Officer who left India for his health previous to the 1st June 1796 (the period at which the allowances under the new Military Arrangement, it has been agreed on by the Court should commence) shall be entitled to the Passage money allowed to such Officers by the New Regulations".

6. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in further part of the number we this Season (1796) agreed to send thither; vizt. Messrs. Richard Dinmore, John Martin, Francis Maxwell, Hugh Lauder, John Balfour, Robert Stanton, Thomas Sproull, Richard Davies, William Russell.

7. Very great distress having arisen to Persons who after attending Passengers to England have been deserted and left unprotected without any means of returning to their Families; we have resolved in order to prevent the same in future, that previous to the wife of a Non Commissioned Officer or Private either in the King's or Company's Service being allowed to come to England in attendance upon any Passenger, a Deposit be made in India to the same amount as that which is directed respecting Black Servants.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Hugh Inglis/Jacob Bosanquet/J. Smith Burges/W. Bensley/Joseph Cotton/ Paul Le Mesurier/John Travers/ Edwd. Parry/J. Hunter/John Roberts/ Robt. Thornton/Lionel Darell/F. Baring.

London,

LETTER DATED 30 JUNE 1797

Resolution regarding pay of officers on furlough—appointment of assistant surgeons.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 19th April last.

2. We have permitted Mr. James Denny to return to his rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

3. Understanding that some difficulty has arisen relative to the appointment of Mr. George Becher in consequence of his not having obtained a Certificate of his appointment as a Cadet upon your Establishment previous to his leaving England we now acquaint you that Mr. Becher had permission to proceed on the Marquis of Lansdown as a Cadet and is to rank agreeably to the list of rank of the Season (1794) which has been transmitted to you.

4. By the Georgiana we received your Letter in the Military Department dated the 31st August 1796.

5. We have come to the following Resolution respecting Pay to Officers on Furlough which we communicate to you for the information of the Officers on your Establishment, vizt.

> "Resolved That no Officer on Furlough shall receive pay during such Furlough for more than two Years and a Half from the time of his Quitting India as allowed by the new Regulations notwithstanding his Furlough may have been extended beyond that period unless when returning to his Duty, when Six Months more Pay may be advanced as allowed by the new Regulations".

6. The Certificates of Pay received here by the Officers from your Establishment who return to their Duty this Season, go a Number in the Packet, you will of course continue their Pay from the date of their last receipt thereof here.

7. If on examination of the Certificates by the Proper Officers it shall be found that the Pay has been overdrawn in any instance the necessary deductions must be made in the future advances of Pay.

8. Agreeable to your recommendation as stated in the Letter from Mr. Hay dated the 28th August 1795, the Share of the Rohillah Donation

due to Lieutenant Plumber deceased, being 2624 Lucknow Rupees has been paid to his Father here at the rate of two Shillings P. Current rupee amounting to £291-5-3.

9. We have permitted Brevet Captain Richard Henry to return to his rank in our service at your Presidency.

10. The following Military Officers have obtained our leave to remain in England until next Season, vizt.,

Major by Brevet Joseph Burnett

Captains Joseph Gascoyne
Lamington Baillie
Thomas Wagstaffe
John Odell Roch
James Salmond.
} By Brevet

11. We have Resolved to appoint one Cadet for your Presidency this Season in addition to the Number mentioned in our Letter of the 20th January.

12. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in further of the Number we this Season (1796) agreed to send thither, vizt. Messrs James Johnston, John Sealy, George Julius, William Lewis Grant, Thomas Judson, James Laing, John Boddington White, Henry Waring, John Ovington, Thomas White.

13. Lieutenant George Mason of your Artillery Establishment who was engaged in the Recruiting Service at the Cape of Good Hope, having come to England, with the permission of Captain Owen, on account of his ill state of health and requested to be allowed the passage Money of his rank we have advanced him the sum of Fifty Pounds on account thereof.

14. Mr. Hector Tulloh has been appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bombay instead of your Presidency, as advised in our Letter of the 1st March last, and the Names of Richard Dinmore, and John Martin Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency of this Season (1796) mentioned in our said Letter, were by mistake repeated in our Letter of the 19th April.

15. As we did not appoint a Surgeon to proceed to Fort Marlborough on the Ganges to supply the vacancy on that Establishment, we direct that you send one thither from Bengal by the Admiral Gardner.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Hugh Inglis/Jacob Bosanquet/W. Devaynes/W. Bensley/James Irwin/ W. Elphinstone/Thos. Fitzhugh/Paul Le Mesurier/Edwd. Parry/Cha. Grant/ J. Manship/Thos. T. Metcalfe/George Smith.

London
the 30th June 1797
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LETTER DATED 5 JULY 1797

Recruitment from Bengal for Madras army—benefit of orphan fund extended to children of King's troops—transfer of officers from infantry to artillery and engineering corps stopped—finalisation of rank of assistant surgeons—mutiny of 15th sepoy battalion—construction of jail at Calcutta—vigilance over public works urged—Austrian and Polish recruits from Cape of Good Hope—mental hospital at Monghyr—manufacture of gun-carriages at Madras.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Dispatch in the Military Department was dated the 30th Ultimo, and we shall now proceed to Reply to your several Letters in this Department of the 18th August, 31st October, and 15th December 1795, the 9th January, 1st and 15th Feb'ry, 1st March, 30th April, and 30th June 1796.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 18th August 1795.

(1) Transmitting Copies of former advices.

2. Needs no Reply.

(2) Relative to the Madras Government having appointed a Cavalry Officer to be a Member of the Military Board at that Presidency.

3. Replied to in our Advices to Madras.

(3 to 5) Relative to Capt. White's plan for recruiting the Coast Native Infantry from the Bengal Provinces.

4. In the present reduced state of population in the Carnatic, and the consequent difficulty of procuring Recruits, either as to number or Quality, for the Native Battalions upon the Coast, it would have been extremely desirable if the experiment for raising Recruits for the Madras Army from the Bengal provinces had terminated successfully. But we have been informed in a Dispatch from Fort St. George of the 16th August last, that from the

great and frequent desertion of the Bengal Recruits sent to that Presidency, notwithstanding, every practicable attempt has been made to prevent it, and the heavy expense which attended this mode of keeping up the Native Establishment on the Coast, the propriety of putting an end to a Plan, which upon trial had been discovered to be highly inexpedient, had been submitted to your consideration, and we observe by a Letter from your Sub Secretary of the 2nd May 1796 that previous to your receipt of this reference the plan had been for some time suspended by the Commander in Chief from an Opinion which was confirmed by the Sentiments expressed by the Government of Fort St George. But as the keeping up the strength of the Madras Army is an object of the first consequence, it is our intention to recommend the subject to the immediate consideration of that Government.

(6) Relative to the Case of several Madras Officers whose promotion had been retarded, by the appointment of Lieut. Coll. Campbell to the Infantry.

5. The subject of this Paragraph will be noticed in our Dispatches to Fort St. George.

(7 to 9) Relative to the Resolution of the Government of Bombay for striking off certain staff Officers from the strength of their corps.

6. This subject is noticed in our advises to Bombay.

(10) Claim of Lieut. Shaw Muster Master to Kings Troops at Bombay—Commander in Chiefs Opinion sent thither.

7. Needs no Reply.

(11) Mentions that a Quantity of repaired arms being wanted in Bengal for the service of the Sibbendy Corps,[1] the Bombay Government had been desired to send round such number of the repairable

8. We approve of the measure advised in this Paragraph.

arms at the Presidency as could not without difficulty be put into serviceable condition at that Presidency.

(12) Children of Kings Soldiers admitted to the benefit of the Orphan Fund[2].

9. We acquiesce in the propriety of your resolution for extending to the Children of the Kings Troops serving under your Presidency the same allowance as is granted to the Children of the Company's European Soldiers, under the limitation prescribed by the 99th Para of our Military Dispatch of the 5th August last—Vizt. "That the allowance be continued to such Children only as are Orphans, and who have already been admitted into the Asylum".

(13 & 14) Accounts of Kings Troops.

10. Need no Reply.

(15) Ensign Hill Wilson of the Infantry transferred upon a vacancy to the Engineers.

11. You have already been advised of our intention to send out Cadets properly qualified to succeed to Vacancies in Engineer and Artillery Corps we therefore direct that no more transfers of Officers from the Infantry to those Corps be made in future.

(16) A Riding Master appointed to each of the two Regiments of Cavalry.

12. We have perused the Minute of the Commander in Chief referred to in this Paragraph and approve of the appointments you have made in consequence.

(17) Referring to a List of Appointments and Promotions.

13. Need no Reply.

(18 to 22) Several Persons permitted to proceed to Europe and to the Cape for their Health.

(23) Mentions the having authorized some alterations in the Quarters of the Subalterns at Berhampore.

(24) Sepoy Hospital at Berhampore to be repaired.

14. We have perused the proceedings of the Military Board on the several Subjects mentioned in these Paragraphs, under the firmest persuasion that these respective works were absolutely necessary we

(25) Two Stair Cases at the General Hospital to be constructed.

(26) Serjeants Bunglows at Chuna [r ?] to be rebuilt.

(27) Sepoy Hospital at Dinapore to be rebuilt on a new Plan.

(28) European Hospital and Commanding Officers Quarters at Dinapore to be repaired.

approve of your having at their recommendation authorized the same to be carried into execution.

(29) Forwarding Report of Iron Guns sent from England on the Lacelles and Royal Admiral.

15. This Paragraph is already answered by our observations on a similar Report received in Mr. Sec'ry Hays Letter to Mr. Secretary Ramsay dated the 27th April 1795.

(30) Statement of Stores due on former Indents transmitted.

16. Previous to the receipt of this account we have given orders for the Supply of the several Stores required in your Indent of the 20th March 1795, (Sadlery and small Arms excepted) and thereby anticipated your wishes respecting the Stores due on former Indents. In our Reply to the 24th Para of your General Letter of the 31st January 1795 in this Department, we have stated the reasons for these exceptions.

(31) Respecting Hoes and Padlocks.

17. Particular care shall be taken in future relative to the Supply of these Articles.

(32 to 38) Depot of Provisions.

(39) An Action to be commenced against the Securities of the late Army Cloathing Contractors.

18. These Paragraphs were replied to in our Military Dispatch of the 5th August 1796.

(40) Relative to a Penalty proposed to be levied on the contractor for the new Artillery Barracks in Fort William.

(41) Repairs to the Offices of the Commander in Chiefs Bungalow at Barrackpore &ca.

19. We have perused the Papers referred to in the Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board of the 1st June 1795 and approve of

the measure advised in this Paragraph.

(42) Roads to Allypore from Belvedere and Surman's Bridges to be repaired.

20. We likewise approve of your having authorized the Repairs to the Roads mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(43) Road leading from Belvedere Bridge to the principal Esplanade Road to be repaired.

(44) Two new Boats to be built for the conveyance of powder from the Powder Works to Fort William.

21. And having read the Proceedings of the Military Board respecting the construction of two Powder Sloops, we also approve of your Determination in consequence.

(45) Stores supplied the Mary Packet.

22. In our Letter of the 20th January last, Paragraph 14 [*sic*], we informed you of our having been obliged to settle this Ships account in England and in a Copy of it, which we then transmitted, you will observe that the Owners were charged with all the Stores which they did not deliver to us in a serviceable State.

(46 & 47) Cavalry Stud.

23. Replied to in the 9th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 5th August last.

(48) Letter from the Military Auditor General and Statement of the Military Establishments [dated] 30th April 1795 forwarded.

24. Needs no Reply.

(49) Duplicate General Statement of the Extra Expense of the late war forwarded.

24. Do.

(50) Audits of all the Military Disbursements for 1794/5 completed on 31st May last point out the Auditor General's continued punctuality and Diligence to the Court's particular Notice.

25. We are sensible of the Diligence and Exertions of your Military Auditor General in the discharge of his Official Duty in General as well as in the particular instance here pointed out to our notice it is certainly essential to proper control that a Speedy Audit of Accounts should be made.

(51) Military Books for same Year Completed and Copy sent in by the Military Pay Master General will be transmitted by another opportunity.

26. Your Military Paymaster also merits commendation for having completed his Books at so early a Period.

(52) Referring to Letter from the Military Auditor General reporting Payment of the Gratuity to a Corporal and Private of the King's Regiment.

27. This information will be duly attended to.

(53) Military Auditors report on the estimated and actual charges of 1794/5 reasons for Difference.

28. Needs no Reply.

(54 to 58) Rohilla Donation of 1794.

29. Replied to in our Military Letter of the 5th of August last.

(59) Transmitting several Papers relative to three Deserters found on Board the Royal Admiral.

30. Needs no Reply.

(60 & 61) The Widows of Lieutt. Linstedt and Capt. J. Rotton recommended for Lord Clives Pension.

31. We have admitted Mrs. Rotton widow of Captain Rotton, and Mrs. Lindstedt, widow of Lieutenant Lindstedt pensioners on the Military Fund agreeable to your recommendation in these Paragraphs.

(62) Forwarding Duplicate receipts granted for the effects of Deceased Soldiers.

32. Needs no Reply.

(63 to 64) Actions against the Company by Mr. Thos. Lyon.

33. Replied to in the 28th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 5th August last.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 31st October 1795.

(Par. 1st) Transmitting Duplicate of the last Dispatch.

34. Need no Reply.

(2 to 3) Acknowledging the receipt of the Courts Dispatches.

(4 to 6) Extension of the Terms of the Bullock and Victualling Contract.

35. For the reasons stated in Sir John Shores Minute of the 31st August 1795, we approve of the further extention of the Bullock and

Victualling contract with Mr. Fairlie to the 1st September 1796. We think it necessary upon this occasion to recur to the reference made to the Marquis Cornwallis, in the 16 Para of our Military Dispatch of the 1st March 1793, desiring his Lordship's Opinion upon the Plan that should be adopted in future for the provision of Draft and Carriage Bullocks and for Victualling the Army. The expected Report of the Military Board upon this subject will come very opportunely in aid of his Lordship's deliberations, and it being a matter of importance we shall anxiously expect his Lordship's Sentiments thereon as soon as it may suit his convenience.

(7) Relative to the Defective Iron Cylinders.

(8) Mentions that Mr. Turner's Commission to furnish Horses was satisfactorily executed.

(9) Mentions that the arrangement restricting the Military Board from any concern in the execution of Public Works has fully answered the expectations formed from it.

(10) Stating that they will hereafter advise the Court of the measures to be taken for ensuring to the Officers returning to Europe a passage on the Company's Ships at the Established rates.

36. Need no Reply

(11 to 14) Respecting the Rank of Assistant Surgeons.

37. From the frequent applications that have been made to us, relative to the rank of Assistant Surgeons under your presidency, and in consequence of the remonstrances now before us, as well those transmitted from your Government, as several others we have

received from the Medical Gentlemen in Europe on Furlough, we have, with the most deliberate attention revised the whole of the Proceedings on the Subject, and shall now proceed to give you our determinations thereon, in which view, we shall enter particularly into the consideration of such cases as appear to deserve it, and as it [is] highly proper, that you should in future be relieved from applications of this nature, and that the Gentlemen of the Medical Establishment, should clearly understand their present situation and future prospects, we mean that our resolutions shall be considered as *final.*

38. Our Orders of 24th March 1795, have been construed in a more extensive light than we intended as by the resolutions come to thereon, the principle which has hitherto obtained, Vizt. that appointments made by us, should precede those made by your Government in the same Year, has been set aside, this was not our meaning in those Orders, conceiving as we do, that it is a proper*and just principle, and although the Hospital Board in their Letters of 21st Novr. 1795 and 12th Febry. 1796, remark, the order to this effect was not published before January 1783, yet the principle is fully established, by the 41 Parh. of our Letter of the 30th Janry. 1778.

39. In directing as we mean to do generally, that this regulation shall Govern the rank now to be assigned to the Assist. Surgeons of 1782 & 1783, we are aware, that those Gentlemen who were appointed by our Orders of 16th March 1784, to supercede all the appointments made in Bengal in those Years, will be placed in a different Situation, from what they might have expected under those Orders, but as our decisions are founded on the general principle already quoted, we have no doubt they acquiesce in the propriety and justice of them.

40. At the same time in establishing this principle, the appointments made in Bengal will be relieved from the effect of our Orders of 16th March 1784 by which they were for a time removed from the Service, and will take rank according to the usual Practice of the Service.

41. And here we shall take notice of one objection that has been stated by some of the assistant Surgeons appointed in Bengal, who have founded their applications for a Restoration or Continuance of their Rank, upon the Circumstance of their names being omitted in our Letters above mentioned of the 16th March 1784, arguing from thence, that their appointments were

not intended to be revoked by us, we entirely concur in the opinion expressed in your Letter of 5th Novr. 1789 Par. 23, vizt., that the Spirit of our orders went to the disapproval of *all* Appointments made within the Period Stated, whether the names of the persons so appointed were mentioned or not.

42. We shall now proceed to remark on the particular cases, referred to in your Proceedings, or those of the Hospital Board.

1st Mr. Adam Burt—in strict conformity to the principle laid down in the foregoing Para this Gentleman having been appointed by us in May 1781, is entitled to rank above all the appointments made by your Government in the same year but as in our Letter of 16th March 1784, we confined our particular disapprobation *of such* appointments, to the beginning of 1782, and as Mr. Burt did not arrive in Bengal until May 1782, we approve of your determination as stated in 43 Par. of your Letter of 9th Janry. 1796, vizt. that he shall take rank above all the assistant Surgeons appointed from England or in India in 1782.

Mr. Bainbridge—Having been permitted to proceed to India as an assistant Surgeon early in 1781 as appears by our Letter of the 2nd Febry. 1781, and to such Settlement where his services were required, his case appears to deserve still more favourable consideration, but as he went first to Madras, and served some time there, and did not arrive in Bengal until September 1782, and as we consider it to be improper that Persons who may have been for any time of their own choice in Service at one Presidency should be suffered to relinquish such service in order to obtain appointments at another Presidency, whereby the rank and situation of those who have continued at the latter may eventually be injured, we acquiesce in the propriety of your resolution, contained in the 44th Par. of Your Letter of 9th Janry. 1796 for placing him next below Mr. Burt.

43. The next class to be considered consists of Mr. Ogelvie, Mr. Coote, Mr. Phillips appointed by our Letter of 12th July 1782 Par. 34, and the List accompanying dated 13th July 1782.

As these three Gentlemen are properly Europe appointments of the Season 1781, they will of course take precedence of the Country appointments made in 1782.

Messrs Hutton and Spotteswoode are to rank next to the above having been appointed for the Season and in the year 1782.

Mr. J. Henderson who stands next to Mr. Spotteswoode was appointed by us in our Letter of the 16th of March 1784 an assistant Surgeon, with that rank Specifically, on condition that the Fox Packet was added to our Marine Establishment at Bengal. But as that was not the Case, Mr. Henderson's appointment may in strict Justice be considered as Nul—he arrived and was admitted on your Establishment in July 1785, therefore the greatest indulgence that can be extended to him under these circumstances is, that

he be permitted to rank Youngest of the appointments advised by our Letter above mentioned.

44. The next point that comes under consideration respects the appointments made in Bengal in 1782, these commencing with Mr. Robert Anderson, and ending with Mr. John Burgh are to take rank next to Mr. Spotteswoode and with respect to each other, according to the dates of their appointments respectively; in this view Mr. Gillman's Claim is included.

45. After these the appointments made by us in 1783 as advised in our Letter of 16th March 1784 and April 1785, are to take rank, commencing with Mr. James Meek and Ending with Mr. John Henderson; and the Bengal appointments of 1783 are to follow, one of these, Mr. Robt. Wilson we observe has been placed erroneously as to his rank on the General list, as he is therein put over several Gentlemen who were appointed in 1782 and 1783 before him but we find in the paper No. 14 Received by the Lord Walsingham dated 1st February 1796 this is properly corrected in that Point.

46. Under the operation of our present orders the List will stand as follows after Mr. Dick.

Adam Burt	Appointed by Court 1781.
Thomas Bainbridge	Do. Do. but arrived in Bengal Sept. 1782.
Walter Ogelvie, Chudley Coote, Thos. Phillips.	Appointed by Court 1782 but of Season 1781.
Jas. Hutton, Wm. Spotteswoode	Do. Do. of Season 1782.
Robt. Anderson, Jn. Gilchrist, J. P. Wade, Jn. Lamb, Wm. Hunter, Jn. Shaw, Patk. Ivory.	Appointed in Bengal in the Year 1782.
John Gillman, John Williams, John Macra, Walter Williams, Thos. Stokes, John Burgh.	Appointed in Bengal in the Year 1782.
James Meck, George Ranken, John Corse, John Smith, Jas. Smith, Gilbert Meleod, Thos. Casement.	Appointed by the Court in the Season 1783 advised in Courts Letter 16th March 1784.
Edwd. Turner, Chas. Fyffe, Geos. Toshack, Jas. Nasmith, Chas. Todd.	
John Henderson.	Appointed conditionally by Courts Letter 16th March 1784.
Geoe. Davidson, Jas. Campbell, Alexr. Russell, Wm. Davidson, Wm. Cooke, Fredk. McCullock.	Appointed in Bengal in 1783.

Alexander Gray, William Boyd, Peter Ewart, Wm. Anderson, Robt. Wilson, Alexr. Gibb, Jas. Ross, Geoe. Frazer, Nicho. Fontana, Wm. Moore, Jas. Howeson, John Henderson.	Appointed in Bengal in 1783.
Charles Kegan.	Do. Do. 1784

47. In the above the names of Mr. John Glass appointed an Assistant Surgeon in Bengal the 10th April 1781 and Mr. Crechton Frazer appointed by us of the season 1781 are not noticed as these Gentlemen appear to have given up their pretensions to promotions in the Military line of the Service.

(16) Referring to a Letter from the Deputy Adjutant General for information relative to the success of the Invalid Tannah Establishment.

48. We had much pleasure in the perusal of the Letter from the Deputy Adjutant Genl. of the 13th Febry 1795, referred to in this Paragraph, concerning the happy effects of the Invalid Tannah Establishment in promoting the Case and happiness of our old Native Soldiers, owing principally to the humanity, zeal, and conciliatory exertions of Capt. Hutchinson, the Superintending Officer, to whom you will communicate our approbation of his conduct.

(16) Advising that the balance due from Mr. Holt has not been discharged, and that his Securities will be again called upon, and, if necessary proceeded against for the recovery thereof.

49. Transferred to the Law Department.

(17) That Certificates of Military and Naval Stores will be regularly transmitted.

50. Need no Reply.

(18) Transmitting Copies of the Certificates on which Mr. Edward Hardwick has been admitted a Cadet.

(19) Mentions their having resolved, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that a relief of the Native Troops at the different Stations of the Army is to take place.

(20) Advising of their having resolved that an allowance of Rupees (40) forty P Month on Account of Hircarrahs and guides shall be granted for every Detachment short of a compleat Company commanded by an European Officer.

51. We approve of the Resolution advised in this Paragraph.

(21) Referring to a Paper in the Packet for a Statement of the Sibbendy Establishment required for the Commercial Department.

52. We have no particular observation to make on the Statement referred to in this Paragraph.

(22 to 36) Mutiny of the 15th Battalion of Sepoys.

53. We were much concerned at the information contained in these Paras as we entertained the most Sanguine expectations that the prejudices of the Hindoo Troops to a Voyage by Sea were gradually lessening. It affords us great satisfaction however to Observe, that no blame whatever could be imputed to Capt. Grant on account of the Mutinous behaviour of the 15th Battalion which he commanded and that the 29th Battalion which acted against the Mutineers furnished an exemplary proof of their Steadiness and attachment to the service. You acted very judiciously in tendering your acknowledgements to their Commanding Officer Capt. Breadley, as well as in notifying to Battalion, the sense you entertained of their Fedefity [*sic*]. We have the further satisfaction to observe that you have expressed your acknowledgements to Lieut. Coll. Erskine on account of his Manly and judicious Conduct in the application of the Powers entrusted to him for suppressing the Mutiny. We direct you to acquaint those Officers that we are impressed with a due sense of their merits and Services on the Occasion.

54. We have perused Sir Robert Abercromby's[3] Minute of the 25th May 1795 proposing the establishment of a Marine Corps for releiving the native Troops detached to Fort Marlbro and Prince of Wales Island, and approve of your Resolution in consequence. Aware however that the Marquis Cornwallis has formerly urged very strong and pointed objections against the Establishment of a Corps of this Nature, we are desirous his Lordship should reconsider this Subject, with a view of ascertaining whether the limited manner in which this Corps has been instituted be liable to the same objections, or whether, in his Lordship's Opinion, circumstances may not be so changed as to warrant a more extensive establishment of this Nature; under the suggestion stated in the 35th Paragraph of the Letter to which we are now replying "that after the Failure of the late attempt to embark a Complete Battalion on Board of Ship, made under the most favourable circumstances the experiment cannot be repeated either with hope of success or with Prudence".

(37 to 39) Bombay Marine.	55. This important subject is under our consideration.
(40 & 41) Rank of Cadets.	56. We approve of your proceedings advised in these Paragraphs.
(42 & 43) Advising that Lieutt. Robert Fleming has been sentenced by a Court Martial to be discharged the Company's Service.	57. Need no reply.
(44) Advising the return to Europe of Lieut. Baillie for the recovery of his Health.	
(45 & 46) Mentions the resignation of Capt. Thomas Green.	58. Under the circumstances stated in these Paragraphs, we approve of the permission given to Captn. Thomas Green to resign the Company's Service.
(47) Advising the return to England of Captn. Geoe. Prole for the Settlement of his Private Concerns.	59. Needs no Reply.
(48) Establishment of the Military Depots of Provisions.	60. Already replied to.
(49) Mentions an advance having been made to Lieutt. Rankin on account Repairs of the Military Road from Calcutta to Chunar.	61. Needs no Reply.

(50) Advising their having authorised the construction of a Mess Room for the Officers of Artillery at Dum Dum.

62. We have perused the Proceedings of the Military Board referred to in this Paragraph, and approve of your having authorized the construction of a Mess Room for the Officers of Artillery at Dum Dum.

(51) A Monument to be erected at the Company's Expence to the Memory of the Officers who fell in the action of the 26th October 1794 at Bullweah.

63. We approve of the Resolution advised in this Paragraph.

(52) Advising their having authorized the erection of Store Rooms at Chunar for the lodgment of Stores to Form the Depot at that Station.

64. The Proceedings of the Military Board, referred to in this Para having been adverted to, we approve of your having authorized the erection of Store Rooms at Chunar for the lodgment of Wine, Salt Provisions, Grain and other Stores to form the Depot at that Station. You will acquaint us whether this work, as well as the Construction of the Mess Room at Dum Dum, has been executed within the estimate.

(53) Mentions their having authorized the fluing of the Officers Bungalows at Barrackpore.

65. The expence of fluing the Officers Bungalows at Barrackpore is estimated we observe, at above fifty five Thousand Rupees; as you have represented however that it must essentially conduce to the health and comfort of a numerous Body of Officers, we for that reason approve of your having authorized the expenditure; You will of course advise us of the actual expence, that may be incurred.

(54) Forwarding a Duplicate return of Serviceable and repairable arms.

(55) Forwarding Duplicate Proceedings of the Military Board.

(56) Transmitting Books of the Military Paymaster General's Department.

66. Need no Reply.

(57) Forwarding Letter and accounts of Disbursements to King's Troops.

67. These Papers have been received.

(58) Mentions that Moiety of the sum due on account of the Rohilla Donation to the late Richard Hawkes (Rupees one hundred and nine) has been paid to his Brother, and requesting the Court to Pay the other Moiety to his Sister.

68. The request contained in this Paragraph has been complied with.

(59) Action against the Company by Mr. Thomas Lyon.

69. Already replied to.

(60 & 61) The erection of a Town Jail for Calcutta proposed.

70. You have advised us in your subsequent dispatch of the 1st of March 1796 of your having suspended the execution of this work on the Plan proposed to you, upon General principles of Economy, a consideration which ought ever to have it's due influence over all your Proceedings relative to the expenditure of the Company's Money. But as it appears by the Town Adjutant's Letter of the 28th August 1795 that some building of this nature is absolutely necessary we approve of your endeavours for ascertaining whether a less substantial one than was at first proposed, of small expence, might not be sufficient for present purposes.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 15th Decemr. 1795.

(Part : 1) Acknowledging the receipt of the Court's Letter of 8th July 1795.

(2) Forwarding duplicate of last Dispatch.

71. Need no Reply.

(3 to 6) Transmitting Copies of two Addresses from the Officers of the Bengal Army and of the Resolutions which were passed upon them.

72. Replied to in our Military Dispatch of the 27th July 1796.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 9th Janry 1796.

(Par. 1 to 5) In answer to several Paragraphs of the Court's Military Dispatch of the 8th July 1795.

73. Need no Reply.

(6 to 8) Relative to the allowances to the Military Auditor General at Madras.

74. This subject will be adverted to in our Dispatches to the Government of Madras.

(9 & 10) Mentions the Departure of Detachments of Recruits for the Madras Army, and of Supplies of Rice for that Presidency.

75. We approve of the Measures advised in these Paragraphs.

(11) Advising of the Bombay Government having carried into full execution the resolutions of the Governor General in Council respecting the Officers of that Establishment who were promoted in consequence of the General Staff being rendered effective.

76. Needs no Reply.

(12 & 13) Referring to the former Resolution allowing Officers to come home on their Pay &ca.

77. Already Replied to.

(14 to 17) Relative to the four Battalions ordered to the Northern Circars.

78. Your subsequent Dispatch of the 1st Febry has advised us of the March of this Detachment having been Countermanded.

(18) Mentions the arrival of four Serjeants of the 19th Dragoons to assist in the improvement of the Native Cavalry.

79. We approve of the application which was made to Coll. Floyd for some non Commissioned Officers from His Majesty's 19th Regiment of Dragoons to assist in the improvement of the Native Cavalry upon your Establishment and of the allowances allotted them for such service.

(19 & 20) Contain a List of Officers and Surgeons permitted to proceed to Europe.

80. Need no Reply.

(21) Messrs J. Richardson and Chas. Bechar permitted to resign their Commissions in the Military on their receiving appointments

from the Court of Directors to the Civil Service.

(22) Transmitting Lists of several other removals and appointments.

(23 & 24) Forwarding Statements of expence defrayed by the Company in India on account of His Majesty's Forces.

81. These have been received.

(25 to 27) Relative to the Purchase of spot of Ground near Calcutta for the Cantonments of the Town Militia.

82. For the Reasons assigned in Governor General's Minute of the 22nd October 1795, we approve of your having purchased from Dr. Balfour a Spot of Land near Calcutta for the Cantonments of the Town Militia.

(28) Advising their having authorized the construction of a Bungalow &ca. at Futty Ghur for the 1st Regiment of Cavalry.

83. We approve of your having at the recommendation of the Military Board, authorized the construction of a Bungalow &ca. at Futty Ghur for the 1st Regiment of Cavalry, and we direct that you acquaint us whether the work has been executed within the estimate. We have the most Perfect confidence that the Military Board will not recommend to your adoption works of an Expensive nature without a thorough conviction of their absolute necessity, since to support the present expensive Military Establishments in India, and provide for other outgoings, will require that our several Presidencies should regulate their Proceedings with every possible degree of attention to oeconomy.

(29) Walls of the range of Officers' Barracks at Dinapore ordered to be rebuilt.

84. In the proceedings of the Military Board upon this Subject to which you have referred us we are sorry to observe the following passage in the Minute of the Military Auditor General—"It is a most uncreditable circumstance to the

Original Builders, that these Walls, which ought to have endured for ages, are already, useless, and *manifests the necessity of keeping the most vigilent eye towards the proper execution of Public Works."* —It likewise appears from the Report of a Committee of Inspection that the whole of the Building with few exceptions, was composed of very bad materials and was in a state of Perfect Decay. As we do not find that any specific regulations have been adopted in consequence of these representations, to remedy abuses of this nature we direct that the subject be referred immediately to the consideration of the Military Board for the purpose of Establishing that Vigilant Check and control over the execution of Public Works, the necessity of which has been so strongly pointed out by the Military Auditor General. After having formed the most liberal Establishments for every branch of our Military Service after having acquiesced in the expenditure of large Sums of Money in Public Works and Buildings, it is but reasonable for us to expect, in return, the utmost Fidelity of conduct in the various Departments and every degree of vigilance to be observed over the Conduct of those employed in the execution of such works and Buildings, and of those appointed on the part of the Company to superintend the same. Indeed we conceive it to be the indispensible duty of the Military Board upon the completion of any new works, or of any extensive repairs of the old ones, to form a decided opinion on the manner in which they have been executed,

and the degree of Praise or blame which may attach to the conduct of the Superintending Engineer Officer, reporting the same to the Governor General in Council for our information.

(30) Relative to the appropriation of Certain Ground and Buildings occupied by the Chief Engineer and Commanding Officer in Fort William to the Service of the Garrison Storekeeper's Department.

85. We have read the Letter from the Secretary to the Military Board of the 9th November 1795 relative to certain Grounds and Buildings in Fort William to be appropriated to the Service of the Garrison Storekeeper's Department and approve of your having authorized the necessary constructions and alterations in consequence.

(31) Advising their having ordered the Agent for Cloathing the Sibendy Corps to provide the first Cloathing for that Corps at the Company's Expence.

86. We acquiesce in the propriety of your determination upon the point mentioned in this Paragraph.

(32) Referring to the Report of the Senior Officer of Engineers on the State of the Present Reservoir in Fort William, and advising the appointments of a Committee of Engineer Officers to consider the best plan for forming Reservoirs in the Fort.

87. We have perused Captn. Pearson's Report, on the imperfect state of the Present Reservoir in Fort William, and approve of your having appointed a Committee of Engineer Officers to consider of the best Plan for forming Reservoirs in the Fort.

(33) Referring to a Report of the Military Auditor General relative to the Arsenal, and to the Military Board's resolution thereon.

88. We approve of your determination herein.

(34) Forwarding Copy of the Proceedings of the Military Board relative to the Annual Repairs of the Garrison of Fort William &ca. &ca.

(35) Referring to a Report, survey and estimate of repairing the Public Buildings at Cawnpore.

89. Having reason to believe that the Company have incurred a great expence for want of timely repairs to public Works and Buildings we approve of the Proceedings referred to in these Paragraphs.

(36) Advising their having agreed to a recommendation of the Military Board for cutting down

90. Viewing the alteration in the Windows of the Bungalows at Barrackpore as an accommodation

the Windows of the Officers Bungalows at Barrackpore.

(37) Transmitting Proceedings of the Military Board as a Committee of Depot, and advising of a Quantity of Madeira being purchased at the recommendation of the Military Board, to complete the Stores of that Article in Fort William and Chunar.

to the Officers at that Station, we approve thereof.

91. It appears by the Proceedings of the Military Board that the Madeira Wine for the Depot, was purchased at (200) Sa. Rupees two hundred P Pipe, and not at (150) One hundred and fifty as stated in this Paragraph. We therefore direct that you give an explanation of these different statements. We observe by the Proceedings that Lieut. James Davidson is appointed Storekeeper at Chunar with a permanent allowance of Sa. Rupees (200) two hundred P Month besides a Commission on his supplies—But as we have the strongest objections to the principle on which he is to receive part of his remuneration, we direct that the Commission on the supplies be forthwith discontinued.

(38 to 46) Relative to the Rank of Assistant Surgeons.

92. Already Replied to.

(47) Advising that Fifteen Assistant Surgeons will be required to be sent out for the Bengal Establishment in the Season of 1797/8.

93. We have already advised you of our determination to appoint Twenty five Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency this Season.

(48) Transmitting Papers from the Board of Superintendance for improving the Breed of Cattle, containing Report of the sale of Horses and other Cattle at the Duddy fair.

94. Needs no Reply.

(49) Mentions their having authorized the erection of Stables and other Buildings for the use of the Company's Studd.

95. We approve of the measures advised in this Paragraph.

(50) Referring to a Letter from the Military Auditor General, and requesting to know whether, under the late Act of Parliament, the Kings Troops serving in India are to be paid from the Company's Pay

96. As by the Act of the 33rd of his Present Majesty, C[h]ap : 52, the whole actual expense of His Majesty's Troops serving in India is borne by the Company the distinction of Kings subsistence and

Departments at the different Presidencies, or by a separate Paymaster as heretofore.

(51) The Arrears of his Majesty's Officers to be continued to be paid in England.

Company's Allowance, under the Act of 1781, with a seperate Paymaster for each, appears no longer necessary, as the Payment of Allowances to the Kings Troops of whatever description may be made by the Company's Paymaster. We have therefore submitted to His Majesty's Pay Master General the propriety of relieving the Company from this Charge in future, by abolishing the seperate Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops in India, by which a considerable saving will also accrue to the Crown.

(52) The fixt sum of two lacks of Rupees in Lieu of Commission on the Revenues, to be divided among the Officers entitled to Share in this allowance, who at any Time may constitute the regular Establishment.

97. By the late Military Regulations the allowance of Revenue Money to the Field Officers is to be discontinued.

(53) Relative to Major Shawe's (of the 76 Regiment) claim to Revenue Money as Lieut. Colonel, have resolved that while Coll. Harris draws as Coll. Major Shawe should draw as Lieut. Coll., and the Senior Capt. as Major, if the Colonel joins the first to have Lieut. Colonel's share, the Major—Major's share—and the Senior Capt. excluded.

98. We approve of the Principles on which you directed the Share of Revenue Money to be allowed Major Shawe.

(54) Forwarding Letter and Papers relative to the donation.

99. Needs no Reply.

(55) Capt. Edwards's claim on the Vizier.

100. We see nothing in the memorial transmitted from Capt. Edwards to induce us to depart from the principle long since established, not to interpose the Company's influence, or interfere in any manner, in the recovery of any claims of Individuals upon the Nabob Vizier.

(56 to 58) Col. Cockerell's arrears of Salary as Quarter Master General adjusted.

101. We approve of the manner in which the arrears of Salary due to Lieut. Coll. Cockerell as Quarter Master General have been adjusted.

(59) Have authorized Capt. Richard Scott's share in the donation to be paid to his Brother Lieut. John Scott—on his depositing Company's Paper to the amount until certified from Europe that it has not been paid there.

102. Captain Richard Scott's Share of the donation was paid here on his application, you will therefore demand Repayment of the Amount in Cash—from Lieutenant John Scott—or from Lieut. Coll. Richard Scott, who returned to your Presidency last Season.

(60) Transmitting a Duplicate of the General Alphabetical annual Long Roll.

(61) Transmitting a List of Invalid Soldiers proceeding to England.

103. Need no Reply.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 1st Febry 1796.

(Par. 1) Mentions their having recently written to the Court of Directors by the Francis and Hillsborough.

104. Needs no Reply.

(2) Referring to a Number in the Packet for their Resolutions in the Courts Letter of the 3rd July 1795.

104. Needs no Reply.

(3) Transmitting Copy of the Report of the Hospital Board on the qualifications of Mr. John Shoolbred.

104. Needs no Reply.

(4 to 7) Transmitting Copies of Correspondence with Bombay and Fort St. George on the appointment of Coll. Balfour to command the Detachment ordered from Bombay against Columbo.

105. We perfectly agree in the propriety of your Instructions to the Presidency of Bombay on Coll. Balfour being ordered by that Government to proceed with his Regiment on the Expedition against Columbo.

(8 & 9) Advising their having sent an Officer and Surgeon to New South Wales, for the purpose of endeavouring to recruit an European Corps from the Men whose

106. We must express our entire disapprobation of your Resolution for sending an Officer and Surgeon to New South Wales, for the purpose of Endeavoring to

time of Punishment may have expired at that Colony.

recruit from the Men whose time of Punishment may have expired at that Colony, and we direct that experiment be on no account repeated.

(10 & 11) Deputation of Lieut. Owen to the Cape of Good Hope to procure German Recruits for the European Regiments.

107. We highly approve however of the Deputation of Capt. Owen to the Cape of Good Hope to procure German Recruits for your European Regiments and of Captain Owens allowances. Our Agent at the Cape of Good Hope, Mr. Pringle, in a Letter dated the 7th September last has acquainted us with Capt. Owens success in the recruiting Service there, and that 120 very fine Recruits mostly Austrians and Poles, were by his exertions embarked for India and mentions the probability of 200 or 300 being ready for the next Fleet.

(12) March of the Detachment to the Northern Circars countermanded.

108. Already replied to.

(13 to 15) Violent and extravagant Proceedings of some of the Officers at the Upper Stations of the Army.

109. We had the satisfaction of being advised in your subsequent Dispatch of the 15th February 1796, that order and subordination had been restored among the Officers at the Upper Stations of the Army. Altho' it appears that Combinations of the most dangerous tendency were entered into by a few Individuals, a Conduct meriting the highest degree of Censure, we at the same time have great Pleasure in the information that those Combinations have been opposed on the most honourable principles by numerous Officers of Rank and respectability.

(16) Contains a List of Officers and Surgeons permitted to proceed to Europe under the terms of the Resolutions of 7th December 1795.

110. Needs no Reply.

(17 & 18) Pointing out the situation of Mr. Surgeon Hunter.

111. Since Mr. Hunters arrival in England he has presented a memorial to us praying to be allowed the difference between the sum he would have received had he not been superceded in the Office of Resident at the Hospital Board, and that which he did receive as the Senior Surgeon at the Presidency, and upon a full consideration of all the circumstances attending Mr. Hunters removal from the Hospital Board, we have not thought fit to comply therewith.

(19) Revd. Mr. Loftie permitted to come home and advising resolution to allow Chaplains on Furlough Captns. Pay.

112. We have confirmed your Resolution to allow Military Chaplains the Pay of Captains when on Furlough.

(20) Have agreed to allow Officers coming home an advance of Six Months Pay, and recommending the like indulgence in England when they return.

(21) Recommending Officers on the Furlough to be allowed Pay either in England or India as they may chuse.

(22) Referring to a Letter from the Military Auditor General on the subject.

113. On the subjects contained in these Paragraphs we refer you to the Regulations advised in our Letter of the 22nd April 1796.

(23 to 25) Insane Hospital for Sepoys.

114. In the 117th Para of our Military Dispatch of 5th August Last, we signified our approbation of the intended institution of an Hospital at Mongheer for the reception of Insane Native Soldiers. Whenever the execution of the Plan shall be resumed we trust that the Building, whether by Contract or Agency, will be constructed on the most reasonable Terms, and the Institution itself conducted in the most economical manner consistently with the humane purposes intended thereby.

(26) Management of the Elephant and Camel Contract on the Death of the Contractor Mr. Pierce committed to Mr. Fairlie.

115. Need no Reply.

(27) Advising their having advertized for Proposals for a new contract.

(28) Proceedings [of] Mily Board on several Paras of the Court's Letter of July 1795.

116. In consequence of the further request of the Military Board we have given directions for particular enquiry to be made into the manner of proving Gunpowder for His Majesty's Service. Until such time as we shall have received the desired information on the Subject we conceive that the Military Board will be fully able to determine on the comparative Strength of Powder by the means we have already advised.

117. In consequence of the very pressing demands for small arms for His Majesty's Service we were not able to send to India the number of Muskets which were stated to have been ordered upon considering the Indent No. 626. We have however this season shipped 3000 Muskets for Bombay and 5000 for Madras and we are in hopes that from the particular exertions of the Gunmakers we shall have it in our power to forward about 5000 or a greater Number to Bengal.

The light Iron 12 Pounders could not be cast in time for the Ships of 1794; they have since been sent on the Ships of the Season 1795.

118. Having given directions that the Guns supplied [by] several ships should be returned into the Arsenal at Bengal we have not thought proper to order the Indent No. 954 to be complied with.

(29) Transmitting a corrected List of Surgeons of the Years 1782 & 1783.

119. Already replied to.

(30) Assistant Surgeon George Frazer admitted to his proper Rank.

(31) Returning the Covenants of Assistant Surgeon Francis Richardson.

120. Needs no reply.

(32) Letter and Papers relative to the donation in reply to

121. Will be attended to.

Court's orders of the 8th July 1795 &ca forwarded.

(33) Transmitting copies of receipts and other Papers relative to the effects of deceased Officers and Soldiers.

122. Needs no Reply.

123. Your short Letter in this Department dated 15th Febry 1796 has already been replied to.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department, dated 1st March 1796

(Para 1st) Forwarding Copy of the Former Dispatch.

124. Need no Reply.

(2 & 3) Mr. Curfy admitted into the Military Service in conformity to the Court's orders of the 3rd July 1795.

(4 & 5) The Building of a Prison for the Town of Calcutta suspended.

125. Already replied to.

(6 to 9) Advising sundry repairs at Futty Ghur and Barrackpore.

126. We persuade ourselves that in this and every other instance you were convinced of the necessity of those repairs before you authorized the expence to be incurred.

(10 & 11) Relative to 6 Iron Guns lent the Ship Marquis of Lansdowne.

127. Two of these Guns have been condemned here and four are returned to Bengal to be delivered into Store.

(12) Transmitting amount of Stores &ca supplied the Ships Earl of Oxford and Marquis of Lansdowne.

128. The Owners will be charged with the Amount of the Stores referred to in this Paragraph.

(13) Report of the Committee appointed to enquire into the best mode of construction for Gun Carriages. Gratuity of Six Months Batta to each of the Members.

129. As the Committee appointed for the purpose of ascertaining the best mode of construction for Gun Carriages appear to have taken considerable Pains for a long series of time, in the discharge of the Duty entrusted to them, and as the several members of the Military Board have borne

ample testimony to the able manner in which they conducted themselves, we approve of the Gratuity you have allowed them in consequence. We direct that the several Reports upon this Subject be transmitted to the Government of Madras, with the Minutes and Proceedings of your Military Board in consequence, that the principle [*sic*] Artillery Officers at that Presidency, may be enabled to avail themselves of the improvements that have been suggested. We are aware that the Carriages constructed at Madras are allowed to be of superior usefulness to those formerly made in Bengal; But their [*sic*] may still be some points stated in the before mentioned Reports that may be well worthy the consideration of the Madras Military Board, with a view to the introduction of every possible degree of improvement in the construction of Gun Carriages.

(14 & 15) The Widow of Commissary Cashman recommended to be admitted a Pensioner on the Military Fund.

130. In reply to these Paras. we direct that Mrs. Cashman, the widow of Mr. Cashman a Commissary of Ordance on your Establishment be admitted a Pensioner on the Military Fund.

(16) Advising that Quarterly Disbursements are to be made to such widows whose Claims to the Military Fund are admitted in Bengal.

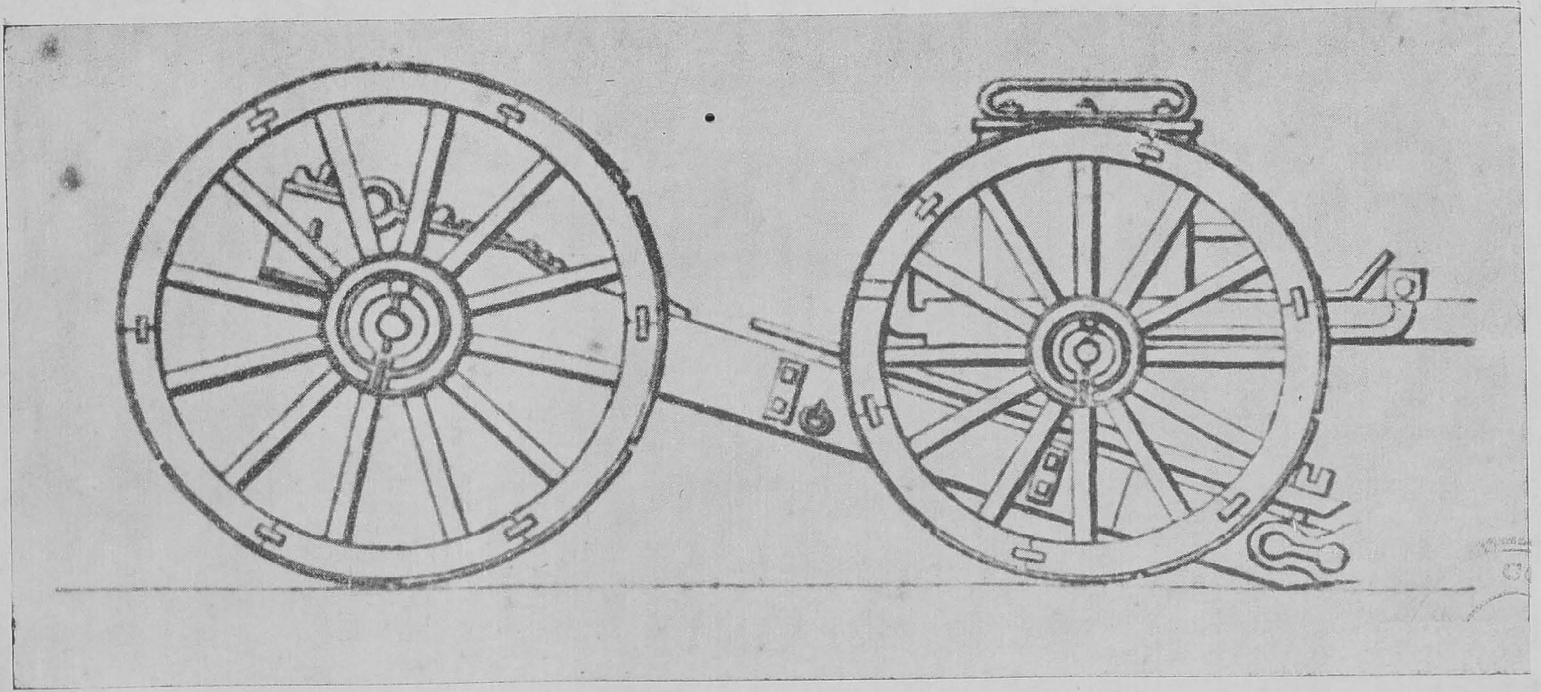
131. Needs no Reply.

(17) From the new arrangements expected, Military Auditor General has advised his inability to prepare Annual Statements as early as usual.

132. We have received by the Georgiana the annual Statement on the 30th April 1796, and an Analysis thereof, and are sensible of the exertions used in completing these Statements.

(18) Contains the names of

133. Needs no Reply.



Field Carriage (Madras Pattern)

several Officers and Surgeons permitted to return to Europe.

(19 & 20) Advising date to which Officers coming home have been paid.

134. This information will be duly attended to.

(21) Pay of Captain assigned to Mr. Mair Head Surgeon.

135. We have resolved that the Pay to Head Surgeon of General Hospital on Furlough shall be equal to that of Major considering that their Situation in regard to rank is superior to that of Surgeons to Regiments who draw the Pay of Captains.

(22 & 23) Advising their having advanced Lieut. Beckwith of the New South Wales Corps the amount of 16 Months subsistence, and enclosing Drafts on the Agents for the amount.

136. The Bills referred to in these Paragraphs have been accepted.

(24) Medical Indent forwarded.

137. We have ordered this Indent to be complied with and we observe with much satisfaction that the demand for some of the articles usually indented for are much reduced in consequence of the Medical Board having adopted the improvements made of late years in the Pharmacopoeias; and also their having indented for the materials for medical preparations instead of the Preparations themselves; A Reduction of the Indents upon such principles affords us much Pleasure and evinces the attention of the Medical Board to the Hints and Suggestions which we have ordered to be forwarded numbers in the Packets of Ships of former Seasons.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 30th April 1796.

(Par : 1) Forwarding Copy of the last Dispatch.

138. Needs no Reply.

(2 to 4) Advising that from the statement sent out by the Court of

139. We must regret that after referring this Subject to us, and

Sums paid in Europe on account of the deposits of Military Effects it appears two double payments had been made—the administrators called on to refund had declined—Advocate General considers the sums irrecoverable in Bengal, therefore suggests the prosecution of the demands in England.

recommending payment of the Sums deposited in your Treasury on account of deceased Military Estates to be made to the legal Representatives here who might come in and claim the same, you did not direct any payments in Bengal to be withheld if claimed, subsequent to your transmission of the accounts until you might have received advice if we had paid any part thereof.

140. With respect to the two Payments specifically pointed out in these Paras we apprehend great difficulty will be experienced in the recovery thereof the Representative of Lieut. Rocke living in Ireland, and the Representative of Lieut. P. Kelly being, as we are informed, in very indifferent circumstances. We shall however take such steps as may appear necessary to obtain the refunds of the Sums Paid.

(5 to 6) Advising the appointment of Mr. Limerick to be Teacher of Mathematics having been abolished.

141. For the reasons you have assigned, we approve of your having abolished the appointment mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(7 to 8) Capt. Reynolds called upon to refund arrears of additional allowances paid to him by the Government of Bombay.

142. We concur in the propriety and Equity of your determination respecting the additional allowance to Capt. Reynolds. He certainly can have no pretentions to this allowance but for the time of his being actually employed in his Geographical pursuits.

(9) Elephant and Camel Contract granted to Mr. Mc. Rea.

143. We approve of the Contract you have entered into with Mr. Mc. Rea for Supplying and feeding Elephants and Camels for three years from the 1st May 1796 and under the circumstances that have been stated it was right to apprize him that the Terms of the Contract

would on all Occasions be rigidly enforced.

(10) Provision of Saddles and Horse Furniture

144. We approve of your Proceedings relative to the provision of Saddles and Horse Furniture, as advised in this and in your Subsequent Dispatch of the 30th June 1796. As these articles are to be provided by Agency, and at a very considerable expence, we trust that due care will be taken that they are of the best Materials and Workmanship.

(11 & 12) Mentions their having authorized the digging an additional Tank &ca. at Barrackpore in order to afford a sufficient supply of good water for the Troops cantoned at that Station.

(13) Advises their having authorized the construction of a small Guard Room at Barrackpore for the Ordnance Shed.

(14) A Cantonment to be built at Chittra for the Ramghur Battalion.

(15) Repairs to be made at an old Pucka Bridge and of Public Buildings at Dinapore.

(16) Construction of a range of out Houses to the new Artillery Barracks in Fort William.

(17 & 18) The alterations proposed in the Fort for the Use of the Garrison Storekeepers Department suspended &ca.

145. Under a firm persuasion as we have repeatedly observed that the several Works mentioned in these Paragraphs were absolutely necessary we approve of your having authorized the execution of them.

(19) Transmitting an Account of Stores supplied the Ship Prince William Henry.

146. The owners will be charged with the amount of the Stores referred to in this Paragraph.

(20) Certificates transmitted of Naval and Military Stores landed for several Ships.

147. Needs no Reply.

(21) Transmitting a Letter from the Military Auditor General on the subject of the Company's claim on Mr. George Dallas.

148. In consequence of the information now received, we shall call on Mr. Dallas for payment of the sum due from him.

(22 & 23) The Widow of Lieut. Fireworker Sloane recommended for the Pension on the Military Fund.

149. We have admitted Mrs. Sloane a Pensioner on the Military Fund at One Shilling P Dollar from the 1st Febry 1796, being the day to which the Pension has been paid to her in Bengal.

(24) The Widows of two Conductors of Ordnance also recommended for the Pension on the Military Fund.

150. In reply to this Paragraph, we direct that Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Daniel both Widows of Conductors of Ordnance on your Establishment, be admitted Pensioners on the Military Fund.

(25 & 26) Widows of Warrant Officers applying for the Pension to produce Affidavits of their Property in the same manner as Widows of Commissioned Officers entitled to equal allowances.

151. We approve of the Regulations suggested in these Paragraphs, and direct that the affidavits of the respective Persons claiming Pensions on the Military Fund be transmitted Numbers in the Packet.

(27) Auditor General has sent a List of Officers and Surgeons returned to England and the periods to which they will be entitled to receive Pay.

152. Will be duly attended to.

(28) Advising that Lieut. Clancy, who had received permission to return to Europe had withdrawn his application.

(29) Capt. Edwards permitted to proceed to England for his Health.

(30) Referring to the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendance which are not of Sufficient importance to require particular detail.

153. Need no Reply.

(31) Advising that no less than ten Asst. Surgeons will be required in the Season 1797/8 in addition

154. You have been already acquainted with the number of Assistant Surgeons we have agreed

to the fifteen mentioned in a former Dispatch.

to nominate for your Presidency this Season.

(32 & 33) Transmitting Memorials from several Assistant Surgeons relative to Rank.

155. Already Replied to.

(34 & 35) Lieutenant Binny's Request for readmission into the Service.

156. In the 213th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 8th July 1795 on the case of Lieut. Crawford we signified our determination not to admit again into our Service, Officers, who having other objects in pursuit, might relinquish the same, we have therefore resolved that Lieut. Binny's request be not complied with; and direct that no more applications of this nature be submitted to our determination.

(36 & 37) Application of Mr. Thos. Ledlie to be confirmed as an Assistant Surgeon.

157. We have persued the Papers referred to in these Paragraphs, and in compliment to Lord Cornwallis have agreed to confirm the appointment of Mr. Thomas Ledlie to be an Assistant Surgeon from the time he was nominated by his Lordship to serve with the 14th Battalion of Native infantry.

(38 & 39) Transmitting a Bill from Mr. J. Hutton for medicines and for his attendance on the Sick of the Bengal Squadron during it's Stay at Prince of Wales Island.

158. For the reasons that have been assigned we approve of your having discharged Mr. Hutton's Bill for Medicines and for his attendance on the Sick of the Bengal Squadron, during it's Stay at Prince of Wales Island, amounting to about CRs. (1228) one thousand two hundred and twenty eight. Whether we shall proceed to the recovery of such parts thereof as were not demandable of the Company in the mode pointed out in the Military Auditor General's Report of the 4 of Febry 1795, will be the subject of future consideration.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 30th June 1796.

(Para 1) Forwarding Copies of their Proceedings.	159. Needs no Reply
(2 to 18) Referring to Proceedings on the receipt of the new Military Arrangements.	160. Your Proceedings in consequence of our orders containing the new arrangements for the Company's Army, will be the Subject of a separate Dispatch.
(19) Advising of reference from Bombay on the revenue Money due to the late Lieut. Coll. Sterling of the 77th Regiment and their decision.	161. We approve of your resolution on this Claim transmitted to the Bombay Government.
(20 to 32) Detailing several articles of Military Expenditure.	162. With respect to the various Articles of Military Expenditure detailed in these Paras, we can only repeat our confident reliance that no Military Disbursement will be recommended by the Military Board or authorized by you, that shall not be evidently necessary; and that every possible attention to economy will be observed in the expenditure, as well as due regard be paid to the proper execution of the Works.
(33) Horse Accoutrements.	163. Already replied to.
(34 to 36) Advising their having advanced Rs. (15,000) Fifteen thousand, on security to Mr. Henry Harvey to assist him in bringing the manufacture of Country Leather to perfection.	164. For the reasons mentioned in these Paragraphs we approve of the encouragement you have afforded to Mr. Henry Harvey for bringing to perfection the Manufacture of Country Leather you will of Course advise us of the success of his endeavours, and whether the Rupees (15,000) fifteen Thousand advanced him on his Security have been repaid.
(37) Advising the loss in landing three long nine Pounder Iron Guns brought from the Andamans.	165. Needs no Reply.
(38) Gunpowder supplied the Henry Dundas.	166. We shall not fail adverting to this circumstance on

set[t]ling this ships Accounts with the Owners.

(39) Lieutenant Hodgson allowed the six Months donation on his offering an affidavit it was not received in Europe and giving an Indemnification Bond.

167. Lieutenant Hodgsons share of the donation was not claimed here, you will therefore give up this Bond to be cancelled, which it was highly proper to require him to enter into, to guard against a Double payment.

(40) The bheesties serving with the Army in the Rohilla Country admitted to a Share of the unappropriated part of the Viziers Donation.

168. Needs no Reply.

(41) Claim of Lieut. Fraser who returned from Europe in February 1795 for Pay for January and February under the Courts Orders on the new arrangement not admitted considering this indulgence was intended to be limited to Officers at home when those Orders were passed all similar Claims to be audited on this Principle.

169. The construction put on our orders for Pay to Officers on Furlough by the new Arrangement from the 1st Jan'ry 1795 was perfectly correct, and we approve therefore of the Orders you issued on the Subject referred to.

(42) The Widow of Conductor Squires recommended to be admitted a Pensioner in the Military Fund.

170. In reply to this Paragraph we direct that Mrs. Squires, widow of Mr. Squires a Conductor of Ordnance on your Establishment be admitted a Pensioner on the Military Fund.

(43) Establishment of Native Servants to the Superintendance of the Stud at Pusa &ca.

171. We trust that every unnecessary expense on account of the Stud at Pusa will be avoided.

(44) Transmitting Proceedings of the Board of Superintendance.

(45) Captain Lieutenant Bie permitted to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health.

172. Need no Reply.

(46) Application of the Chaplains for Furlough and Pension.

173. Will be replied to hereafter.

(47) Case of Mr. Robert Morris an Assistant Surgeon.

174. We have considered the claim of Mr. Robert Morris to the situation of an Assistant

Surgeon on your Establishment and have Resolved to confirm our former orders in favour of Mr. John Shoolbred.

(48) Relative to the Rank of Cornets Sevinton and Elliott.

175. The List of Cadets with their Order of Rank already sent will serve for your guidance on this point.

(49) Recruits from the Cape.

176. Already replied to.

(50) Forwarding a Duplicate Receipt granted by the executor for the Effects of the late George Newman, Quarter Master Serjeant to the 3rd Native Battalion.

177. Needs no Reply.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends,
Hugh Inglis/Jacob Bosanquet/John Manship/W. Bensley/Paul Le Mesurier/George Smith/Edw. Parry/Joseph Cotton/Thos. T. Metcalfe/W. Devaynes/John Travers/James Irwin/Cha. Grant/John Roberts/J. Smith Burges.

London
the 5th July 1797

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LETTER DATED 5 AUGUST 1797

Officers' memorandum against proposed reduction in European infantry—Cornwallis's reply.

Whitehall 5th August 1797

SIR,

By direction of Mr. Dundas, I send you six printed Copies of a Letter from the Company's Officers in England to the Court of Directors of the East India Company, and of the Marquis Cornwallis's reply thereto; and, in a separate packet, six more Copies of the same by the Company's ship Henry Dundas. It will occur to you that it is wished to make the above papers as public as possible.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient & most humble servant.
Wm. Cabell.

Sir John Shore Bart.
or Governor General for the time being.

[*Enclosure I*]

THE CHAIRMAN and DEPUTY having communicated to MR. DUNDAS, the following letter from the COMPANY'S OFFICERS to THE COURT OF DIRECTORS OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY, he submitted the same to the MARQUIS CORNWALLIS, with a Request that his Lordship would favour him with a Communication of his Sentiments thereon. HIS Lordship's Letter to MR. DUNDAS, in reply, is annexed to that from the COMPANY'S OFFICERS.

To the Honorable the Court of Directors of the East-India Company.

HONORABLE SIRS,

THE Officers of your Military Service, now in England, beg leave to represent to your Honorable Court, the extreme pain and astonishment with which they have learnt that a proposition has recently been made to invest the Marquis Cornwallis with a discretionary power, to reduce the whole of the corps of European Infantry on your several establishments in India.

On a proposition so deeply affecting, and, we fear, fatally wounding the vital interests of your Military Service, we intreat your permission to declare, that the measure proposed has been uniformaly considered by the army in India, as unjust in itself, as subversive of that system which has hitherto maintained your empire in Asia, as destructive to the efficiency of your forces, and therefore as ruinous to the honour and interests of your Officers; and finally, that it will be deemed a violation of the military arrangement recently transmitted to India.

The existence of your European corps is coeval with the acquisition of your territorial possessions. It would ill become us to obtrude their merits and their services on the notice of your Honorable Court; we appeal to your historical records, to the victories of Clive, of Lawrence, and of Coote, victories which sufficiently prove, that as well in the acquisition, as in the defence of your empire, your military force, constituted as it originally was, by the wisdom and foresight of the great conqueror of India, has proved itself adequate to the most arduous services. Had the augmentation of your European troops kept pace with the extension of your territories, we will venture to assert, that they would, at this day, have been as equal to the maintenance, as they proved to the acquisition of your empire in Asia. Their conduct during the late war in Mysore, testifies that they have not degenerated, and that in discipline, spirit, and success, they are not inferior to His Majesty's regiments, who excel them only in the shew of parade; an inferiority (if such it is to be termed) immediately remediable, by carrying into effect the plan of recruiting them, which has been sanctioned by your Honorable Court, in the late military arrangement.

We, therefore, respectfully intreat your Honorable Court to with-hold your sanction to the proposed measure of disbanding your veteran corps, and of substituting in their place His Majesty's regiments, many of them new levies, and all certainly less capable of efficient service than troops

inured to the climate of India. If there be an excess of European troops in that country, we humbly suggest to your Honorable Court, the expediency of recalling His Majesty's regiments, a measure, certainly more consonant to justice, than that of disbanding your own.

Having, with great deference, expressed our sentiments on the justice of the proposed measure, we entreat permission to offer to your Honorable Court some consideration on its political tendency, as connected with the welfare and permanency of your Eastern possessions; objects which we consider to be inseparably blended with, and dependent on the character and respectability of our brother Officers in Asia.

"It is' " in the opinion of those Officers, "an incontrovertible proposition, that he who has not occasionally served with both the description of men, of which the armies in India are composed, European and Native, cannot be a finished Indian Officer; and its truth have been as fully proved by experience, as it must have been originally apparent to the authors of the present system, a system which has been, at least hitherto, found equal to the conquest and retention of an empire, and which, with some improvement, promises fair to ensure the stability of your power.

"The French, the first of European powers that raised and disciplined corps of Sepoys, were never able to render them formidable, principally from their having wholly separated this line from the European; the consequence was, that the Officers in the Native branch, considering themselves as inferior, soon lost that self-esteem which is the soul of a military man, and become contemptible".

And, as a proof that in their subsequent representations they have not deviated from the opinions they then held, we beg leave to adduce the following extracts from the representation transmitted by the Bengal Army to your Honorable Court, in the year 1794, a representation which has been emphatically termed by themselves the *Magna Charta* of their rights.

"We consider it essential, that the new arrangement preserve this army, as at present, a distinct independent body, without affixing to it the title of Provincial, or any other epithet implying inferiority; that every idea of dismemberment, or disorganization, be precluded, by expressly guarding against a partial transfer of the Artillery and European Infantry only; the relief of these corps from England; or a division of the European from the Native line; that the rule of promotion, by seniority, upon establishments separate from each other, and from the British, be retained and confirmed; and, previous to any transfer, every corps in the Company's army, whether Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry, European or Native, be compleated with Officers from our own service, on an exact equality, in every respect, with corps of similar strength in the Royal Army; or, with regard to the Native corps, as nearly so as circumstances will admit, placing at the head of a Sepoy battalion, an Officer whose rank shall, at least, be that of Lieutenant Colonel; so that the same rank shall be attached to the same command in

both services. The restrictions which prevent our European troops from being supplied with recruits levied in the same manner as those for His Majesty's present regiments should be removed. Your Honorable Court will admit the propriety of our earnestly deprecating any deviation from these points; they are suggested by the most attentive observation, confirmed through a long experience, and their reasonableness is capable of easy and obvious demonstrations.

"It has been remarked by those who have considered the general principles of human nature, as they may be applied to the improvement of military science, that the first step towards rendering soldiers equal to the most arduous enterprizes, is to inspire them with confidence, and a high opinion of their prowess; consequently, whatever has a tendency to lower them in their own esteem, produces a proportionate real diminution of their efficiency and value. On these grounds we are convinced that a dismemberment of your forces, by a partial transfer of the Artillery of European Infantry only, or their disorganization, implied in the proposed total separation of the European from the Native line, would, by degrading them in the scale of armies, destroy their spirit, and reduce them in the course of a few years, to a state of depression and contempt; and thereby furnish an era from which to date the decline of the British power in India."

Such, Honorable Sirs, are the deliberate and unalterable sentiments of the Officers of yous Indian armies, on the fatal consequences to ensue from the measure now proposed; sentiments which your Honourable Court know were drawn from them by the intimation they received that such a design was in the contemplation of the Marquis Cornwallis. That their suspicions and disquietudes on that head were not without foundation, the present proposition sufficiently proves. But if such was the ferment produced in their minds by the mere prospect of a separation of the two lines it is unnecessary to suggest to your Honorable Court, the alarm that must prevail, on learning that the present proposition goes to the annihilation of the European corps; and, that the degradation they have always deprecated from such an event, will be aggravated by the stagnation of promotion, resulting from the Officers of European being thrown back on the establishment of Native Infantry.

Allow us to represent to your Honorable Court, that the proposed measure of disbanding the European regiments, is to your Officers infinitely more injurious than a direct transfer of those regiments to His Majesty's service; because many of your Officers would then, at least, have an option of remaining on a degraded establishment, or the honor of becoming the immediate servants of His Majesty. We may be told, indeed, that the idea of dishonor is false and imaginary; but honor is the creature of imagination, and its truth or falsehood can therefore have no other standard. It must be confessed that the Officers henceforth to be attached exclusively to the Company's Native troops, will inevitably be considered, by their

countrymen, as a less respectable body than the Officers of the European establishment; that being thus considered by their countrymen, they will so esteem themselves; and that thus esteeming themselves, they will soon become so.

Finally, Honorable Sirs, we once more intreat your Honorable Court, to interpose at the present important crisis, in behalf of our Brother Soldiers in India, because we feel the deepest conviction, that your sanctioning the discretionary power proposed to be given to the Marquis Cornwallis, will deeply wound the confidence which has hitherto been reposed by your Officers in the justice and good faith of their superiors in Europe; and, by affording a precedent for the total abrogation of the arrangement which has been lately transmitted to them, will inevitably be productive of evils which we rely on the wisdom of your Honorable Court to avert.

With much consideration and respect, we have the honor to be,

HONORABLE SIRS,

London,
9th May, 1797.

Your most faithful,
And obedient servants,

JOSEPH LITTLE, *Major Madras Infantry*/BURNABY BOLES, *Major Bombay Infantry*/W. THOMAS SANDERFORD, *Captain Bombay Infantry*/JOHN ASHWORTH, *Captain Bengal Infantry*/ WILLIAM HENRY BLACHFORD, *Major Engineers*/GEORGE CARPENTER, *Captain Bengal Infantry*/WILLIAM BLACKBURNE, *Lieutenant Madras Infantry*/ JAMES SALMOND, *Captain Bengal Infantry*/JOHN GELLISPLE, *Captain Bengal Infantry*/JAMES BAIRD, *Captain Bombay Infantry*/WILLIAM FLINT, *Lieutenant-Colonel Madras*/JOSEPH BURNETT, *Major Artillery*/EDWARD LAMBERT, *Lieutenant-Colonel Bengal*/ JOSEPH GASCOYNE, *Captain Bengal*/ ANDREW BETHUNE, *Captain Bombay Infantry*/J. DRUMMOND, *Captain Bombay*/G. RABAN, *Captain-Lieutenant*/THOMAS WAGSTAFF, *Captain* WILLIAM POWNEY, *Lieutenant Infantry*/EDWARD BEARDMAN, *Lieutenant*/ ALEXANDER MACLEOD, *Lieutenant Madras Establishment.*

[Enclosure II]

COPY OF THE LETTER FROM THE MARQUIS CORNWALLIS TO MR. DUNDAS, IN REPLY TO THE FOREGOING LETTER FROM THE COMPANY'S OFFICERS.

Whitehall, May 15*th* 1797

SIR,

I HAVE read, with great surprize, the letter which you communicated to me from some of the Officers of the East-India Company's service now in England, to the Honorable the Court of Directors, in which I find that the discretionary power proposed to be given to me, is treated as a proposition deeply affecting, and fatally wounding the vital interests of the Company's Military Service; unjust in itself, destructive to the efficiency of the Company's forces, ruinous to the honor and interests of their Officers, and finally, that it would be deemed a violation of the Military Arrangement recently transmitted to India.

Having already given my sentiments publicly on this subject, and discussed it with yourself in several conversations, it would hardly be necessary for your own information, that I should repeat the grounds on which I recommend some material alterations in the Military Arrangements in India; and, confident as I feel that my conduct in the public stations which I have held, will, in the general opinion of my countrymen, protect me against the charges of egregious folly, malevolence, and injustice, which I consider as virtually imputed to me by the writers of that letter (because they are acquainted with the sentiments which I had formerly declared, and they cannot have supposed that I have been a mere passive instrument on this occasion). I should not think it incumbent upon me to take any notice of this most extraordinary production, if I was not desirous, for the good of Public, and from motives of personal regard to many individuals of the Company's Army, to enable you the more easily, by a short recapitulation of what has already passed on this subject, to explain, if you think proper, to the Officers in India, the principles of the arrangements that had been adopted by the Board of Controul, and which I thought were calculated to improve the Military Establishment in that country, and to relieve the Company's Officers from all just and real cause of complaint.

I must begin by saying, that in my opinion, and I believe in the opinion of all military men (except those in the Company's service who have imbibed early prejudices in its favor) no system for military promotion can so effectually tend to destroy all spirit of energy and attention to discipline, as that of a regular succession of the mass of Officers, according to seniority from the lowest to the highest, throughout a whole army.

With this principle of promotion, it is of no advantage to an Officer that the regiment in which he serves should be well disciplined, and that it should consequently be selected for service; he has nothing to expect from service but danger and fatigue, whilst a number of those who have neither the inclination to put themselves forward, nor the ability to perform

any useful service, share equally the preferment occasioned by the casualties of war.

The Commanding Officer of a regiment will have little authority or influence over an Officer, who, if he had deservedly incurred his displeasure, may, without the smallest hindrance to his promotion, exchange into another corps; all incitements to the desire of excelling are withheld, and all that *esprit de corps,* which so warmly attaches the Officers and Soldiers of the same regiment to each other, is completely done away.

There are, no doubt, some military objections to the strict observance of the rule of seniority, even in regimental promotion, but these are of a very inferior nature to those which I have mentioned in speaking of general promotion through a whole army, and indeed I consider them to be in some degree unavoidable, because (as I stated to you in my letter dated in November, 1794) I think the Officers whose services are unalterably fixed in so distant a quarter of the globe, ought to be protected against the abuse of patronage by established regulations.

I must confess that I do not see that any Individual in the service would suffer real injury, or that his prospect of promotion would not be as good under the rule of regimental, as it is at present under that of general promotion; and, in my last propositions, in order to hold out more solid advantages to the whole, and at the same time to provide the means of encouraging Officers of peculiar merit, who might be more unlucky than others in their regimental promotion, I recommend that the periods for indulging Officers with leave to retire on their full pay, should be shortened, and applied to the different ranks, according to my former plan; and that, on vacancies occasioned by such retirement, the governments in India should have a power (at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief) to put in a deserving Officer of another regiment, provided such Officer was senior to any Officer of the same rank in the regiment in which the vacancy occurred, and it was not intended that the regimental succession should take place beyond the rank of Major.

Having had the honor of commanding the Company's army in Bengal seven years, it must be supposed that I cannot be ignorant of the general object of the wishes of the Officers on that establishment, and I can most confidently assert, that they were so far from considering the service of the Native line as a degradation to them, that there was not an Officer whose situation in the service gave him pretensions to ask to be exchanged into a Native regiment, who did not feel it a most sensible degradation to be obliged to remain in an European corps; and although, to prevent the bad effects of the frequent exchanges, I gave a large proportion of the off-reckoning fund to the Field-Officers of the European regiments, than to those who served with the Sepoy brigades, I could only, during my seven years command, prevail on one Field-Officer to acquiesce willingly in remaining with an European regiment, after it came to his turn, by seniority, to expect to be posted in the Native line.

It is not easy, therefore, for me to suppose, that the objections stated in the letter from the Officers, to the reduction of the European infantry, can be founded on their apprehension that the Officers of the Company's service would be degraded by that measure; and, whilst I am conscious it was not intended that their present prospects of emolument and promotion should be diminished, I cannot admit that they would have the least right to complain of a breach of public faith, by its being carried into execution.

There never was, to my knowledge, an idea of attempting to transfer a single Officer or Soldier from the Company's to the King's service, without his consent, but an option was proposed to be given; and in order to guard against that grievance of throwing back the Officers of the European on the establishment of Native Infantry, the apprehension of which is so forcibly stated in the letter from the Officers, it was a part of the plan to diminish the strength, and increase the number of the Native regiments, so as nearly to provide for all the Officers of the European corps; even, if it could be supposed (which I conceive to be hardly possible) that no one Officer of the Company's service, from the Colonel downward, would accept a Commission in a King's regiment, although it should be so numbered as to render its reduction very improbable.

I shall not enter into a discussion on the state of India, in the days of Lawrence, Coote, and Clive, but shall only observe, that the last mentioned great man, so properly styled the Conqueror of India, was not always so fortunate as to give general satisfaction to the Officers of the Bengal Establishment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient humble servant,

(*Signed*) Cornwallis.

To the
Right Honorable Henry Dundas.
&c. &c. &c.

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LETTER DATED 18 OCTOBER 1797

Appointment of James Henry Brooke as cadet.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 5th July.

2. We have received your Letter in the Military Department, dated 31st December 1796.

3. Mr. James Henry Brooke, whom we have this Season appointed a Cadet for the Corps of Artillery on your Establishment, had our permission to proceed on the Ganges to St. Helena for the purpose of visiting his Father, Governor Brooke; and as that ship does not go to Bengal, we direct that this circumstance do not operate to the prejudice of his Rank on his arrival at your Presidency.

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Your Affectionate Friends
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London
the 18th October 1797

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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1797

Appointment of Capt. George Robinson as Military Auditor General.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. In the 2nd Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 1st March last, we advised of our having appointed Captain George Robinson to succeed Sir John Murray in the Post of Military Auditor General. Since the date of that Dispatch we have been advised of your having permitted Captain Robinson to proceed to Europe. But as we understand that this Gentleman is detained at the Cape of Good Hope, on account of the indisposition of part of his Family, we direct that should Captain Robinson return to your Presidency, without coming to Europe, he do immediately upon his arrival succeed to the Post of Military Auditor General, agreeably to our former appointment.

2. We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel David Woodburn, to return to his rank in our service at your Presidency—he proceeds overland.

3. We have appointed Mr. Thomas Innes an Assistant Surgeon for your Presidency in further part of the Number we last Season (1796) agreed to send thither.

4. By His Majesty's Ship La Virginie we forward a further Number of Brevet Commissions granted by His Majesty to Officers on your Establishment on which we have advanced the Fees, and you will attend to our former directions as to recovering from the Officers, the Fees on such Commissions.

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London
the 1st November 1797

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LETTER DATED 26 JANUARY 1798

Company authorised to export sundry garrison, ordnance and naval stores—one thousand pounds advanced to Bengal Orphan Society.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. We wrote last to you in this Department under date of the 1st November 1797.

2. We have received the following Advices from your Presidency Vizt.

Letter in the Military Department dated		27th February 1797
Additional	Do.	6th March 1797

3. Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an Order* of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council licensing the Company to export Sundry Garrison Ordnance and Naval Stores to their several Presidencies and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may avoid the heavy Penalties to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XV, 1798, p. 126.

Copy of the Indorsement of the cockets sent by the ships whereon such Stores are laden and not the particular contents of each Package.

4. The Managers resident in England of the Bengal Orphan Society having requested us to advance them the Sum of one thousand Pounds on their giving Bills on the Society in Bengal, we have agreeably, to the recommendation in your Letter of the 31st January 1795, advanced them the said Sum and transmit you a Set of Bills drawn by those Gentlemen on the Managers of the Society in Bengal at ten days Sight, accompanied by a Letter of Advice, leaving it to you to settle the rate of Exchange.

5. We have permitted Mr. Thomas Casement to return to his Rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

6. We have resolved to appoint Forty four Cadets for your Presidency this Season (1797).

We are
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London
the 26th January 1798

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LETTER DATED 2 MARCH 1798

Dues of deceased army personnel to be paid only in Bengal—rules regarding promotion of officers and appointment of cadets.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 26th January.

2. We have received your Letters in the Military Department, dated the 13th March and 28th April 1797.

3. You have been regularly advised of our having made advances to several Officers of your Establishment, to be repaid on their return to their Duty, and we direct that you transmit to us by the earliest opportunity,

a particular account of the periods at which those Advances have been liquidated.

4. We have permitted Mr. Edward Turner to return to his Rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

5. We have appointed Mr. Robert Leny an Assistant Surgeon for your Presidency this Season (1797).

6. We have appointed the Revd. John Hussey a Chaplain on your Establishment and direct that he rise in our Service in the usual way.

7. Application having been made to us, that Mr. David Douglas who was appointed a Cadet on the List of the Season 1796 but who did not proceed on the Ships of that Season, in consequence of his having been sent to Woolwich[1], to be educated for the Engineers Corps might take the Rank on the List of that Season, which he would have had, provided he had proceeded to his appointment, in which case, he would have ranked at the head of the List of the Season 1796. We desire that Mr. Douglas may be permitted to take Rank at the head of the List of such Cadets of that Season who may not have obtained their Commissions.

8. Several applications have been made, for payment of the sum of Current Rupees 2,311-2-6 deposited in your Treasury on the 28th November 1792, stated to be the amount of Effects of a Serjeant Mooney deceased, but from omission of the Christian Name, and for want of a more particular description of the deceased, we have thought proper to with-hold payment of the same. And as in the instances of Lieutenants Kelly and Roch's Estates, we have paid sums of Money here, which have afterwards been again paid in Bengal, we have determined not to make any payments in future, on account of the Effects of deceased Officers or Men, which may have been received into your Treasury, as the Representatives will no doubt pursue the proper means of recovering the same in India.

9. We have resolved that promotion in our Military Service, in consequence of Officers who are in Europe, retiring from the Service, shall take place from the date of the General Orders to be issued at our several Presidencies, in consequence of our advising the retirement of Officers in Europe; and that the pay and allowances of the advanced Rank, shall commence from the same period.

10. We have permitted Captain George Prole to return to his Rank on your Establishment, and have advanced him £125 on his Bond to pay the expense of his Passage which Sum he is to repay within twelve Months after his arrival in Bengal, by Monthly Instalments out of his growing Pay and Allowances. We shall transmit Captain Prole's Bond* in the Packet of the Ship whereon he takes Passage.

11. We have appointed Mr. George Hammond (now abroad) Brother of Captain James Hammond of our Bengal Army, a Cadet upon your Establishment, provided he produces to you a satisfactory Certificate of his

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XV, 1798, p. 59.

being within the Age prescribed by the Act of the 33d Year of His present majesty, Chap. 52 Sec. 50 and you shall be satisfied that he is not a Foreigner, or the Son of a Native Indian, or exceptionable in any other respect.

12. We have appointed Arthur Hamilton a Serjeant, returning on the Princess Charlotte, to be a Conductor of Stores on your Establishment, on the first Vacancy.

13. We have resolved that such Gentlemen who may in future be appointed Cadets upon your Establishment while abroad shall severally produce to the Governor and Council, the Certificate of their Appointment from our Secretary here, and likewise a satisfactory proof of their being within the Age prescribed by the Act of the 33d Year of His present Majesty, Chap. 52, Sec. 50, and that the Governor and Council shall be satisfied that such Gentlemen are not Foreigners, the Sons of Native Indians, or exceptionable in any other respect.

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London
the 2nd March 1798.

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LETTER DATED 14 MARCH 1798

Officers on furlough to retain their rank.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Promotions in your Army to the 26th May 1797, lately received, as well as by Paragraphs 5 & 7 of your Military Letter of the 28th April last, it appears that our Orders of the 27 July 1796 Paras 4 & 5; relative to Officers in Europe, have been entirely misunderstood, and that you have struck off your Army List, several Officers of that description and promoted others in their Room; as this must produce great inconvenience and is injurious to the Rights of the Officers passed over we take the earliest opportunity of giving you our directions on the subject.

2. This misconception of our Orders of 27th July 1796 may have proceeded from your not having been advised in subsequent Dispatches that the Furlough to several Officers in Europe had been extended by us, this communication we have directed to be regularly made in future, but however this may be, you should have waited for more particular Orders before you proceeded to the measure of passing those Officers over.

3. We now direct that all Officers in the predicament abovementioned who have had our permission to return to their Duty, be posted in their proper Stations in your Army on their Arrival according to their Rank, conformably to our Orders of 27th July 1796, and all those who have been promoted to their prejudice can only receive the Pay and Allowances of every kind to which they were entitled by the Rank they held previous to such their promotion from the date of Arrival of the Officers who have been struck off.

4. But as Colonel Wood of the Engineers and Captn. Apsley of the Infantry did not apply for, and Lieutenant Colonel Sandford of the Infantry did not avail himself of, our permission to return to their duty last Season, they are no longer in the Company's Service and the necessary promotions in consequence, and the advanced Pay and Allowances are to take place from the date of this Letter.

5. With respect to Officers who may retire from the Service while they are in Europe, it is to be observed as a General Rule that the Promotions in consequence are to take place from the Period at which the Extracts from our Letters advising such Retirement are published in General Orders. And of Course the Pay and allowances of the advanced Ranks are then only to commence.

6. Lieutenants Henry Rochfort and John Barnes who advised their Arrival in Europe the beginning of 1794 and whose Names were inserted in the Lists of Officers at home eligible to return, which accompanied the New Army regulations, not having made any Application to us since that time for permission either to remain or to return to their Duty, are to be struck off your Army List from the date of this Letter.

7. Lieutenant Henry Scott has resigned the Service.

8. Lieutenant Fireworker Charles Bleadon whose Name was inserted in the List abovementioned, having accepted a Commission in His Majesty's Service he is of course to be struck off the List of your Army.

9. The Name of Lieutenant Timothy Leigh was also inserted in the same List on the supposition of his having resigned with leave to come to Europe for the benefit of his Health. By your Military Proceedings of the 13th February 1795, which were received only in April last, we now find he resigned the Military Service altogether. And as by your Letter of 31st August 1796 advising his Application: you have not recommended a compliance with the Prayer of his Memorial, to be restored to the Service,

forwarded to us by the Georgiana, we have resolved not to comply with it.

We are

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London
the 14th March 1798.

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LETTER DATED 23 MAY 1798

Capt. George Robinson appointed Military Auditor General—payment of passage money to Company's servants—approval for construction of two new power magazines—utility of Pigot's treatise on horses of India—indents for military stores to be minutely checked before dispatch—enlistment of new recruits in England for a 10-year term.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 14th March.

2. We have consigned to your Presidency on the Ship Lord Duncan a Case containing 61 Ornamented Sword Blades which we desire you will dispose of in the best manner you are able. These Blades were originally intended for the China Market, and with this View were sent out to Canton in the Year 1795, but the Chinese Government not allowing them to be landed; they were of course returned in the Ship and have since been repolished in a more elegant manner.

3. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment Vizt. :

Captains Robert Turton
James Davidson
Joseph Gascoigne
Thomas Wagstaffe
George Abercrombie Robinson
Robert Campbell
John Drummond
Lieutenant George Mason

(Joseph Gascoigne through Lieutenant George Mason: by Brevet)

4. In our Letter of the 1st November 1797 we acquainted you that Captain George Abercrombie Robinson had been appointed by us to succeed to the Post of Military Auditor General. Captain Robinson having left the Cape and returned to England previous to the Arrival of those Orders; and having addressed a Letter to us signifying his readiness to return immediately to Bengal, and requesting that we would renew and confirm our former Orders for his appointment to the said Office of Military Auditor General, and as we have not altered our Opinion with respect to Captain Robinson, We have complied with his request, and accordingly direct you to appoint him to the Office of Military Auditor General immediately upon his arrival in Bengal, agreably to our beforementioned Orders of the 1st November last.

5. Upon application being made to your Government by any of His Majesty's Officers to be allowed Passage Money on account of their return to Europe on the Recruiting Service, We direct, that you signify to them it will be requisite for such Officers to obtain Certificates from the Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Troops at your Presidency stating such to be the reason of their quitting India; and upon it's being verified to us by the Secretary at War, that those Officers are acually Posted to the Recruiting Companies of their several Regiments in England, and have been ordered home upon that Service, we shall be disposed to grant the usual Allowance of Passage Money according to their respective Ranks but not otherwise.

6. We have permitted Mr. William Allison to return to his rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

7. We have permitted the Commanders of ships in the Company's Service to receive, but upon no consideration exceed the sum of 1000 Sicca Rupees for the Passage and accommodation of their Tables homeward bound of such Subaltern Officers, Assistant Surgeons, and Cadets as may return to Europe by Order of your Government expressly for the Recovery of their health in lieu of the Sums mentioned in the Regulations referred to in our letter of the 31st August 1796.

8. By the present conveyance we shall give an answer to your several Letters in the Military Department of the 31st August and 31st December 1796, and 27th February 1797.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
dated the 31st August 1796

(Para 1) Mentions the Date of last Advices.	9. Needs no Reply.
(2 to 20) Subjects relating to the new Military Regulations.	10. Will be replied to in a separate Dispatch.
(21 & 22) Relinquishment of the demand on Major Reynolds for a refund of the Allowances	11. Under the circumstances stated in Major Reynold's Letter of the 4th June 1796, we approve

overpaid him at Bombay.

of your having relinquished your former demand upon him on account of his extra Allowance which he had received at Bombay.

(23 to 26) Erection of two new Powder Magazines.

12. For the reason you have assigned we approve of your having committed the erection of the two new Powder Magazines at Pulta and Dukensore to the Superintendance of Major Kyd. We direct that upon the completion of these Buildings, the Chief Engineer do inspect and report to you for our information, the manner in which the same have been executed. As the mode in which this Work is to be performed, namely by an Engineer Officer, upon honour, is a departure from the usual practise of contracting for the same (a latitude which we have allowed you) we desire to be furnished with the comparative statement, alluded to in Colonel Cameron's Minute entered on your Consultations of the 8th July 1796, of the Expences that have been incurred in the various Buildings that have been executed by Contract, with the Estimates given in by the Officers of Government, wherein it will appear according to his assertion, that the former, in the course of a few years has exceeded the latter by several lacs of Rupees.

(27 to 31) Relative to the annual Repairs in Fort William, and other Military Stations & ca.

13. We have no direction to give you at present on the subject of these Paragraphs.

(32 & 33) Transmitting an account Current with the Crown for Stores supplied to His Majesty's Ships, and stating that the old Stores will not in future be received for Stores so supplied.

14. We shall make the demand upon the proper Office of Government here for the Balance of the Account alluded in these Paragraphs. We approve of the Regulation you have adopted not to receive old Stores for, or in part of

the value of Stores supplied to His Majesty's Ships and for leaving such old Stores at the disposal of His Majesty's Officers.

(34) Advising the return to Europe of Mr. Rankin an Assistant Surgeon.

15. Needs no reply.

(35) Contains the Names of Certain Officers returning to Europe as have drawn the Arrears of Batta.

16. Will be replied to in a separate Dispatch.

(36 & 37) Forwarding a memorial from Lieut. Leigh.

17. Already replied to.

(38 to 41) Claim of Captain Douglas while in the temporary possession of the Post of Commander in Chief at Bencoolen.

18. We approve of your Arrangement respecting the Allowances for any future Commanding Officer at Bencoolen as second in Council, and to the Senior Officer upon whom the temporary Command of the Troops may devolve as stated in the 41st Paragraph. As Captain Douglas was upwards of twelve Months in the temporary Command of the Troops there, he appears to be equitably entitled to some remuneration. If therefore, for that period he was not in the receipt of the Batta and Staff Allowances annexed to that Command, a matter by no means clearly stated in the Paragraphs before us, we direct, that agreeably to the spirit of the beforementioned Arrangements he be permitted to draw those Allowances for the period abovementioned. We think it proper at the same time to direct that upon any future nomination of a Commanding Officer to the Bencoolen Station, except as in the case of Captain Clayton, he shall be detained on the Public Service, his Allowances do not Commence till his arrival there.

(42) Transmitting a Treatise on Horses by Captain Pigot of the Cavalry.

19. As you have subscribed Sa. Rs. (2000) two thousand in the Company's name to Captain Pigot's Treatise on the Horses of India, on account of its having a tendency to promote the internal resources of India, we direct that you report to us how far the Work may be specifically rendered of public utility as applicable to the Company's Cavalry.

(43 & 44) Rohilla Donation.

20. Under the peculiar circumstances of the Party concerned we shall not insist on the refund of the Sum twice paid on account of the Share in the Rohilla Donation here mentioned.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated the 31st December 1796

(Par 1) Acknowledging the receipt of Letters from the Court of Directors of the 22nd April and 4th May 1796.

21. Needs no reply.

(2 to 4) New Military Regulations.

22. Will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch.

(5 & 6) Conductors of Ordnance. Sentiments of the Military Board on the ineligibility of making such Appointments from Europe.

23. Upon any future application being made to us for a similar appointment the observations of the Military Board upon the subject of 14th November 1796 will be taken into consideration.

(7 to 32) New Military Regulations.

24. Will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch.

(33 to 39) Bombay Marine.

(40 to 42) State of the Stores and Provisions at Bombay.

(43 to 46) Mention sundry Military Arrangements relative to Bombay.

25. These subjects will be noticed in our Dispatches to Bombay.

(47 & 48) Southern Detachment.

26. We approve of the Arrangements referred to in your several

Dispatches relative to the Southern Detachment.

(49 to 51) Relative to the unfinished state of the Parapets in Fort William, and alteration of the Rampart.

(52) Public Buildings at Gya ordered to be repaired.

27. We approve of your several determinations on the points mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(53 & 54) Army Cloathing Contract granted to Captain Mouggach, also the Agency for packing and transporting the same.

28. Having adverted to the Proceedings to which you referred us, we approve of the contract for Cloathing the Army having been concluded with Captain Mouggach. As you have stated that you have continued the Agency for transporting the same in Captain Mouggach, notwithstanding such employments in the same Person are at variance with the General principles of Check established under the contract, we direct that you report to us how far that Officer appears, by his Conduct in the execution of those trusts, on an enquiry to be made for that purpose, to have merited the confidence which was thus placed in him. In all events we think that the two Offices of Contractor and Agent being united in the Person of Captain Monggach ought not to be drawn into a precedent, since it evidently appears by the 8th Article of the Advertisement for Proposals of Contract, that the Agent is meant to be a check upon the Contractor.

(55) Decayed state of the Piling near the Fort, and their having authorized its being renewed.

29. We approve of the measure advised in this Paragraph.

(56) Resolution for Building an Insane Hospital at Mongeer renewed.

30. The execution of this work under the Agency of Lieutenant Scott furnishing another instance of a departure from the usual system of Contract, we direct that you report to us in what manner the

building has been executed, the expence attending it, and whether such departure from System in point of general advantage has in your opinion been justified by the event.

(57 & 58) Repairs &ca to Military Buildings at Dinapore.

31. We approve of your Proceedings upon the points mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(59) Salary to the Secry's Assistant at the Military Board increased Rupees (100) one hundred Pr. Month.

32. On referring to your Proceedings of the 14th November 1796, we observe that the salary to the Military Secretary's first Assistant was increased Rupees (200) two hundred Pr. Month instead of Rupees (100) one hundred as mentioned in this Paragraph. In consideration however of the circumstances stated in Mr. Greene's Letter of the 30th October, we approve of the augmentation which has been made to his Allowances.

(60) An addition to the Stables for the Cavalry at Cawnpore.

(61) Two new Store rooms to be constructed at Barrackpore, and forty Bells of Arms.

(62) Sepoys Lines at Hazaree-Baug to be rebuilt.

(63) Some repairs to the Public Works at Kissengaunge.

(64) An additional supply of Cotts to be provided for the expected Troops.

(65) Several other Military Expeditions noticed.

33. We doubt not that you were firmly persuaded of the necessity of these various Articles of Military Expenditure before you authorized the same.

(66) The Apothecary authorized to provide a new Sett of Drawers and Shelves in the Company's Dispensary.

(67 & 68) A Building to be erected for the reception of the

34. The preceding observation applies to the Disbursements advised in these Paragraphs.

more furious Maniacs confined in the Insane Hospital.

(69) Contains a List of Officers returning to Europe on Furlough.

35. Need no Reply.

(70) Mr. James Laird a Surgeon permitted to proceed to the Cape, and ultimately to Europe for the benefit of his health.

(71) Military Arrangements.

36. Will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch.

(72) Captain Robinson proceeded to Europe on the Berrington.

37. Need no reply.

(73) In commendation of Colonel Murray Military Auditor General.

(74) Proposition of the Military Auditor General to appropriate the aggregate of the deductions from the Victualling Bills to the use of the lower Orphan School.

38. We very mucn commend your Conduct in not yielding to the Proposition of the Military Auditor General for appropriating the sum in question (Current Rupees 84,940) towards the establishment of a Fund for the lower Orphan School. The amount from time to time arising from the deductions made from the Victualling Bills under the present Contract, cannot we conceive be so well applied as in aid of the general Resources of your Government to answer its very heavy Disbursements.

(75 to 77) Indemnification to Officers and Soldiers for loss of Baggage and Horses.

39. Will be replied to in a separate Dispatch.

(78 & 79) Public Stud.

40. We have much pleasure in being advised that your expectations of the advantages to be derived from the Plan for the introduction of an improved breed of Horses within the Company's Provinces, are likely to be realized, and that

the expenses incurred have been confined within the amount limited.

(80) Forwarding an Application from Captain Brown of the Artillery Invalids to be promoted to Rank of Brevet Major and annex the reasons for not complying therewith. Cannot recommend the application being granted.

41. For the reasons stated by the late Commander in Chief, we approve of your determination on this Subject.

(81 to 83) Balance due by Mr. Holt late Paymaster to the Artillery and Garrisons.

42. We direct that you acquaint us whether in consequence of your arrangement with the Securities of Mr. Holt, late Paymaster to the Artillery and Garrisons the balance due from him to the Company has been discharged.

(84 to 86) Forwarding a Memorial from Lieutenant Pennington of the Invalids, applying to be brought on the effective strength of the Army—plea founded on same indulgence granted to Lieut. Bassett—reasons assigned for the latter—Cases not similar—Representation from Officer at Barrackpore on the Subject of Lieut. Baset's restoration to the effective List.

43. It will always be with great reluctance that we give our sanction to any infringement of the Standing Orders of your Government of May 1788 respecting the restoration of Invalid Officers to the effective Strength of the Army; by those orders the rights of Officers who continue in an active discharge of their duties are properly guarded from the mortifying circumstances of future Supercession by such restorations and they cannot, therefore, be too anxiously abided by, having said thus much upon the general principles of the subject, we are ready to admit of the exception in the case of Lieutenant Basset, on your Representation that your Resolutions thereon were dictated by justice and humanity applicable to him particularly but with regard to Lieutenant Pennington's Claim to the same Indulgences. the case not being similar, we approve of your determination to reject it.

(87) Mr. Wasmus had Surgoen at Bencoolen allowed to come

44. Need[s] no Reply.

home on the Pension of head Surgeon and advanced six Months Pay for his Passage & Equipment.

(88 & 89) Advising the terms on which the Revd. Mr. Blanshard has been allowed to return to Europe.

45. Will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch.

(90 to 93) Transmitting a Memorial from Captains Clarkson and White, soliciting Brevet Promotion—referring to a former Memorial with the decision thereon—reasons—Commander in Chief of Opinion it would give cause of complaint to King's Officers.

46. Although we agree in Opinion with the late Commander in Chief in his Minute entered on your Military Proceedings of the 19th December 1796, that the case of the Memorialists is hard, yet under the rules observed in granting Brevet Promotions, and the explanations given in the Paragraphs to which we are replying, we are concerned at the necessity we feel for withholding our compliance with their request.

(94) Referring to the Military Auditor General's Letter on Allowances due to Captain Watson of the 76th Regiment.

47. As we conclude the Allowances in question have been issued to the Paymaster of the Regiments there does not appear to have been any occasion for a reference to us.

(95 & 96) An Armed Vessel fitted out for the protection of the Trade of the Port.

48. Replied to in the Public Department.

(97) Advising having forwarded Pr. Thetis a working Model of the Boreing Machine used in the Foundery at that Presidency.

49. We have received the Model mentioned in the Paragraph which will be shown to the different Founders employed by the Company.

(98) Transmitting List of Stores deficient in the Arsenal.

50. Needs no reply.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 27th February 1797

(Par 1) Mentions the date of the last Dispatch.

51. Needs no reply.

(2 to 7) New Military Regulations.

52. Will be replied to in a Separate Dispatch.

(8 & 8A) Advising the return of Captain G. A. Robinson on Furlough, and referring to the Governor General's Minute for his Merits and Services.

(9) Major General Charles Morgan appointed to the Provincial Command of the Army on the departure of Sir Robt. Abercromby, until further Orders.

53. Need no reply.

(10 to 12) Southern Detachment.

54. Already replied to.

(13) Captain White appointed to raise Recruits for the Native Regiments.

55. We approve of the Appointment of Captain White to raise Recruits for completing the Native Regiments. We trust that the Allowances to Captain White upon this occasion, ceased on the termination of the Service for which he was thus selected.

(14) Advising several Military Appointments.

56. We observe by this Paragraph that Lieutenant Thomas Dowell has been appointed first Assistant in the Arsenal. Should Mr. Dowell conduct himself in this Station to your satisfaction, we direct that he do suceed to Post of Commissary of Stores whenever the same shall become vacant by the death resignation or removal of Lieutenant Thomas Anbury, provided he shall be duly qualified for the Office.

(15) Advising sundry Staff Appointments under the Vice President and Deputy Governor.

57. We entertain no doubt that these Appointments terminated on the return of the Governor General to Calcutta, and that the Allowances annexed thereto immediately ceased, of which you will advise us.

(16 & 17) Allowances to the Engineer at Fort Marlborough.

58. We approve of the Allowances to the Chief Engineer at Fort Marlborough as mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(18) Brevet Captain Salkeld appointed to succeed Captain

59. Need no Reply.

Murray as Agent for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry.

(19) In testimony to the zeal and exertion of Captain Murray in the said appointment.

(20) Governor General during his presence in the Upper Provinces requested to ascertain whether any and what augmentation will be necessary in the present Price of Horses for the Cavalry.

(21) Transmitting List of Officers on Furlough and Copies of their Pay Certificates.

(22 to 28) A Grand Cavalry Cantonment to be established at Moneah.

60. We have again to remark a deviation from established usage in your having committed the Building of the Cavalry Cantonment to be erected at Moneah to the Deputy Quarter Master General under the superintendance of the Quarter Master General, instead of Advertizing for Proposals of Contract. As the expence of this building is estimated at near five Lacks and a half of Rupees, it is incumbent upon you to furnish us with very strong reasons in order to satisfy our minds both in this and in other instances of a similar nature, which have been already noticed, that in thus departing from former custom, the real and permanent Interests of the Company have been more effectually attended to.

(29) An Allowance made to Quarter Masters of Native Infantry and Cavalry for repairing the Public Camp Equipage &ca.

61. We doubt not you were convinced of the expediency of making these Allowances.

(30) Southern Detachment.

62. Already replied to.

(31 & 32) A temporary Establishment of Armourers and Gun

63. The Reports to be made to you of the Work performed under

Stockers allowed in the Arsenal, at (752) seven hundred and fifty two Rupees Pr. Mo. for the repairs of old Muskets & Pistols.

(33 & 34) Forwarding Indent for small Arms and drawing the Court's attention to the present deficiency.

this Establishment will enable you to determine upon the utility of it's continuance, upon which subject you will afford us the necessary information.

64. Upon considering your Indent for Military Stores dated the 23d December 1796 We are inclined to suppose that many Articles are indented for more with a view of making up round numbers in the Arsenal, than from a previous consideration of their being absolutely necessary for the Company's Service.

65. We mean not by this observation to prevent your indenting for any Stores which may be clearly ascertained to be required for the Service of the Company but we are desirous that in framing your Indents in future you should investigate very minutely the purposes for which each Article is demanded that the Company may not be put to any Expense which can be prudently avoided, and that we may not be under the necessity of striking off such proportions of particular Stores as appears to us improperly indented for.

66. With this view we desire that previous to the next Indent being forwarded to Europe, the Governor General will make particular enquiry respecting the Quantity of Military Stores of each different natures which may be necessary for the Arsenal at Fort William and Subordinates, and record on the Consultations his Proceedings and Opinion on this Subject.

67. The Tonnage of the Iron Guns and Shot and Shells required

in your Military Indent beforementioned is so large that in the present situation of Public Affairs, and the necessity of sending a Supply to the other parts of India, together with the small number of Ships for Bengal, we are unable to forward the whole Amount.

68. In several of our Letters in the course of the two or three last Seasons, we have acquainted you with the difficulties which have prevented our sending any considerable number of small Arms to India. We are aware that a large supply of Arms is necessary and have therefore kept our Gunmakers constantly employed for some time past, and are in hopes that we shall have it in our power to consign a considerable number of Arms to our several Presidencies this Season. But as the supply of this Article depends much upon the situation of Affairs in this Country, it is impossible to state with any degree of certainty, what number may be expected to be compleated. We have however shipped (10000) ten thousand Muskets for Madras, (5000) five thousand Muskets for Bombay, and (19500) nineteen thousand five hundred Muskets for Bengal, and any further number which may be finished before the departure of the Ships will be likewise forwarded to Bengal.

69. Need no Reply.

(35) Stone and Wooden Sentry Boxes to be built in the Fort of Chunar.

(36) One thousand Cotts made up for the Berampore Station.

(37) One thousand Cotts ordered to be made up for the Garrison of Fort William.

(38) Mentions the having authorized the construction of the customary Buildings for the accommodation of the Calcutta Native Militia.

(39) Two Wells to be made for the use of the Hospital at Midnapore.

(40 to 42) Defects of the Ordnance sent from Europe and suggesting the Establishment of Board of Military Officers in England to superintend the Provision of Military Stores for the Service of the Company's Settlements in India and recommending the establishing a Manufactory for small Arms.

70. On the Subject of these pieces of broken Ordnance mentioned in these Paragraphs, we have only to notice that the Ordnance for the Company's Service is proved precisely in the same manner, and by the same Officers at Woolwich Warren who prove the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service, and that we have only to refer you to what we have before signified to you on this subject communicated in our several Letters of the 25th of June 1793, and 24th March 1795.

71. Another part of these Paragraphs which recommend the Establishment of Manufactory of small Arms in England, requires no reply.

(43) Twenty Assistant Surgeons required for the year 1798/9.

72. We shall from time to time appoint such a number of Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency as shall be necessary to keep the Establishment complete.

(44) Referring to a Report of the favourable effects experienced from Baths lately constructed at the Hospital at Cawnpore and that an Establishment of servants &ca has been allowed on that account at the monthly expence of Sa. Rs. (61) sixty one.

73. Needs no Reply.

(45 & 46) Respecting the agreement with the Owners of the

74. Replied to in the Public Department.

Laurell taken up for the Defence of the Trade of the Port &ca.

(47) Noticing a small alteration in the establishment of the Native Cavalry, by adding a Havildar and Naick to, and taking two Troopers from each Troop.

(48) Companies of Gun Lascars in the Field at Dinapore, and when detached on Service, augmented to seventy Men each Company.

75. These matters of inferior Military detail require no observation from us.

(49) Mentions several additions to the Ramgur Battalion, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief.

(50) The Property of the late Captain Kerr, lodged in the General Treasury, made over to his Attornies.

76. Needs no Reply.

(51) Mentions a remittance by a Bill of Exchange of (1839) one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine Sa. Rs. due to the Estate of the late Lieut. J. Plumer, on account of his share of the Rohilla Prize Money.

77. Already replied to.

(52 to 57) Relative to points connected with the late Military Regulations.

78. Will be replied to in a separate Dispatch.

(58) Adjutant Moreland to the 76th Regiment allowed 100 Rupees Pr. Month, as granted to Adjutants of the Company's European Battalions in lieu of their share of the Off reckonings abolished by the New Regulations.

79. On referring to the Minutes of Council of 20th April 1797 which fixed the Allowances of (100) one hundred Current Rupees to the Adjutant of European Battalions payable from the Off reckoning Fund, we discover nothing that can justify an Allowance of this sort to the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments. The system of Distribution of the Off Reckonings by the Regulations of that period differed materially from the Plan in force relative to His

Majesty's Regiments on the introduction of the new Arrangement of January 1796, the Adjutants of your former European Battalions lost of course the Allowance granted in 1787—there was sufficient ground therefore for allowing them an equivalent under the latitude left by that arrangement but no reason can possibly we conceive be assigned for any Claim of the kind on the part of the Adjutants to His Majesty's Regiments in fact the Arguments of the late Commander in Chief quoted in Lieutenant Moreland's Letter of the 5th January 1797 effectually invalidate such Claim, we therefore disapprove the Allowance granted to the Adjutant of the 76th Regiment and direct its discontinuation from receipt of these Orders.

(59 to 61) Representation from the Officer Commanding a Detachment of Bengal Artillery at Columbo as to the rates of Pay drawn by them being less than those of the Madras Army—Rates altered accordingly conformable to the Tables sent out by the Court.

80. We approve of your Resolutions on this Subject.

(62 & 63) On application from the Military Auditor General authorized arrears of Pay to 27th Light Dragoons from last certified Payment in England and resolved that His Majesty's Regiments shall receive Company's allowances from their arrival at Fort William (as Pr. Order 26th July 1785) and not before.

81. We approve also of the Resolutions communicated in these Paragraphs.

(64) Mentions directions having been given for raising the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry.

82. This Subject will be noticed in a Separate Dispatch.

(65) The Widow of Captain Mc.Namara recommended for a Pension from the Military Fund.

(66) Invalids sent home as Charterparty Passengers.

83. Need no Reply.

84. By His Majesty's Ship Crescent we have received your Letters in this Department dated the 28th August, 18th September, and 30th October 1797, which were brought to the Cape of Good Hope, by our Ship Houghton.

85. We have permitted Brevet Captain Henry William Hicks to remain in England till next Season.

86. In consideration of the length of Brevet Colonel George Mence's Voyage from India occasioned by the Exeter extra Ship being dismasted off the Cape, which obliged her to proceed to Bombay to refit, where she was detained by Governor Duncan, and afterwards ordered to Columbo, we have permitted him to remain in England until the departure of the first Ships of the Season 1799/1800.

87. The following Military officers have retired from our Service, Vizt.
Lieutenant Colonels Robert Simond, John Witherstone, Robert Dawes.
Lieutenant Peter Tolfrey—On Lord Clive's pension.
Head Surgeon Hugh Mair, Surgeon Andrew Hunter.
You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

88. The few Recruits we have been able to procure this Season will proceed on the Ships Tellicherry and Calcutta for Bengal and Osterley for Madras and in consequence of an Intimation from one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, the Recruits are enlisted for the term of ten Years instead of five and consist of Lads not less than 16 Years of Age and 5 feet 1 Inch high and Men not exceeding twenty five Years of Age not less than five feet five Inches high.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Jacob Bosanquet/Step. Lushington/ J. Hunter/George Tatem/ W. Devaynes/Simon Fraser/A. Robarts/ John Travers/ Joseph Cotton/W. Bensley/Cha. Grant/Thos. Parry/ John Roberts/Stepn. Williams/Chas. Mills.

London
the 23rd May 1798.

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LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1798

Lt. Fireworker T. W. Fortnom not to be paid during furlough.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Previous to the receipt of your Advices dated in October and November last, we had prepared a Separate Dispatch on the whole of your Proceedings relative to the Instructions contained in our Letter of the 8th January 1796 for the new Arrangement of our Armies in India, which Separate Dispatch accompanies this Letter. It is our intention to take your beforementioned Advices into our early consideration. In the mean time should you have made the several additions to your Native Force proposed by the Commander in Chief we do not wish that any alteration should take place in consequence of these Advices, and until you receive our further Orders upon the subject which will be governed in a great measure by the nature of the Arrangements which our Governor General may conclude with the Nabob Vizier in consequence of his second journey to Lucknow, and which we shall forward to you without delay.

2. Lieutenant Fireworker Thomas William Fortnom of your Artillery having applied for his Pay, on examining into the circumstances of his being permitted to come home, we find by your Consultations of the 5th December 1796 that his application was made on account of his private affairs only, and that as the Commander in Chief recommended he should have permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough you complied therewith on his producing the usual Certificates.

3. As this Officer had not been in the service the time prescribed by the new Regulations to justify his having permission to come home on Furlough for his private Concerns, your allowing him so to do and making him an advance of six Months Pay were certainly irregular as being a direct breach of those Regulations; to discountenance which we have resolved not to permit Lieutenant Fireworker Fortnom to draw Pay here during his absence from his Duty and you will in future be careful that the Rules laid down on this subject are strictly attended to.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends,
Jacob Bosanquet/Step. Lushington/Cha. Grant/J. Smith Burges/J. Hunter/Joseph Cotton/D. Scott/W. Bensley/John Roberts/Lionel Darell/Tho. Parry/W. Devaynes/George Tatem/R. Thornton/Simon Fraser.

London
the 6th June 1798.

LETTER DATED 6 JUNE 1798

Officers to have batta *according to regimental and not brevet rank—strength of army units altered—new rules re. appointments, promotions and allowances—regulations for Medical Department—chaplains allowed pay on furlough and retirement—rules for passage money to subalterns—protest by some officers against new army arrangements.*

(Separate)

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. In the present separate Dispatch it is our intention to take into consideration the whole of your Proceedings relative to the Instructions contained in our Letter of the 8th January 1796 for the new Arrangements of our Armies in India.

2. But previous to our going into the discussion of the points more intimately connected with the subject of that Letter we shall advert to your Resulation of the 1st May 1796 which promotes the Officers in our Service under your Presidency to the Brevet Rank which they were entitled to in consequence of the general Brevets granted in His Majesty's Service with a retrospect to the period of 9th July 1783, and allows the Officers so promoted the Batta of their Brevet Rank in Arrear from the date of their promotions.

3. The Governor General in his Minute states (from the information of the Commander in Chief) that the Officers have a right to the retrospective Batta and in the Orders proposed to be issued it is said that "as the Officers in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India when promoted by Brevet, have invariably received Batta of their Brevet Rank it follows of course the Company's Officers so promoted should in like manner have the same indulgence". This Argument is certainly admissible if the fact be clearly as asserted, but we have not been able to discover any order or authority issued by our Governor General in Council to justify the right or even the practice as an indulgence founded on a similar one to His Majesty's Officers on the contrary we find by your Proceedings of 4th September 1787 an order was issued in conformity to Instructions received from us, that no Officer in His Majesty's Service should receive greater *Pay or Allowance* that he might be entitled to by his regimental Rank.

4. In the Military Regulations of the Madras Government relative to the Kings Troops framed as we believe in the Government of Sir Archibald Campbell we find a standing Order that Batta be allowed to His Majesty's Officers according to their *local or Brevet Rank* and it is to be supposed

therefore that the same rule may have obtained by precedent or otherwise at all the Presidencies in India.

5. The Brevet Rank thus granted to the Officers extended retrospectively so far back as to the 1st March 1794 and the amount of the Arrears of Batta in consequence was upwards of 6 lacs of Sonaut Rupees at your Presidency as stated by the Military Auditor General. This expence would continue in a great degree in respect to Officers who are not promoted by the new Arrangement to the full Rank they hold by Brevet (who would of course under your Resolutions enjoy the superior Batta of their Brevet Rank) the subject ought therefore certainly to have been referred to our decision previous to its being carried into execution.

6. But the present expence however considerable is not the only point in question every future promotion by Brevet of which the extent cannot be known will encrease the Amount and upon a ground that has no reference to length of Service but merely to a temporary or local rise in His Majesty's Service we therefore positively direct that from the receipt of these Orders the same be discontinued and that no Officer either in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India or in the Company's service be allowed higher Batta than that he is entitled to by his Regimental Rank.

7. We shall now remark on the several points of Military Arrangement under the heads detailed in our Dispatch of the 8th January 1796.

Establishment of Corps

European Artillery

8. Considering the great importance of this Corps we have resolved an Augmentation therein as follows.

Each Battalion of 5 Companies to consist of :—

1 Colonel
1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
5 Captains
5 Captain Lieutenants
10 Lieutenants
5 Lieutenant Fireworkers
25 Serjeants
25 Corporals
50 Gunners
10. Drums & Fifes
350 Mattrosses

With staff &ca. as at present.

9. The Establishment for Bengal to continue of 3 Battalions of the above strength.

European Infantry

10. We have been apprized of His Majesty's intention to new model His Regiments of Infantry serving in the East Indies by forming them into 12

Companies of 100 Rank and File each, and in order to preserve a proper uniformity between His Majesty's and the Company's European Infantry, we have resolved that our present Establishment shall be formed also into Regiments of the same strength.

11. Each Regiment will therefore consist of :—

1 Colonel } Each to have a Company
2 Lieutenant Colonels }
2 Majors
7 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
25 Lieutenants
10 Ensigns
48 Serjeants
60 Corporals
26 Drums & Fifes
1140 Privates

With staff &ca. as at present

12. From the great deficiency in the effective strength of your European Force as stated in the last returns it seems impossible to admit of more than two Regiments of the above Establishment being formed from it, we accordingly direct that your European Infantry shall consist in future of two Regiments.

13. If there should remain any supernumerary Non Commissioned Officers they are to continue attached to the Regiments on their usual Pay and allowances.

Native Infantry

14. To provide for the Officers who by the foregoing Orders respecting the European Infantry will become Supernumerary we direct that another Regiment of Native Infantry be added to your Army, and as on further consideration we are of opinion that the present Peace Establishment of a Native Regiment in the proportion of Sepoys is larger than with propriety it should be this additional Regiment is to be raised by Drafts from the other twelve until it consists of 1400 Privates to which Establishment as casualties happen all the Native Regiments are to be reduced.

15. But it is not our intention that in any case especially during War the supernumerary Sepoys fit for Service should be disbanded they will continue attached to the Regiments on the usual Pay &ca until reduced by casualties to the strength now directed.

16. The number of European Officers and of Native Commission or Warrant Officers for the new Regiment is to be the same as the present Establishment the Native Officers are to be formed either by drafting or promotion as may be found most expedient.

17. From the particular purposes for which the Marine and Ramgur Battalions were raised, and the different circumstances in respect to pay &ca

of the Troops composing them, we are led to conclude they must continue separate Corps the Officers of these Battalions should however in our opinion be upon the Strength of the regular Regiments.

18. As our late Commander in Chief was of opinion that the second Lieutenant Colonels and second Majors of each Native Regiment should have companies we admit thereof notwithstanding the directions to the contrary in our separate Letter of the 8th January 1796. We likewise approve of the additional non-Commissioned Staff for each Regiment.

19. In forming the new Establishment of Native Infantry, we were induced from the Opinions of Military Men then before us, to doubt, the necessity of appointing Quarter Masters to the Native Regiments, but admitting the reasons assigned by Sir Robert Abercrombie, and by the Minute of Council, we consent to sanction the Appointment of an Adjutant, and Quarter Master in one Person, to each Native Regiment on the Allowances proposed.

Native Cavalry

20. The late Commander in Chief in the 3rd Para. of his Minute on Consultation the 30th May 1796, has stated it as his Opinion, that when all the Ships of the Season 1795/6 were arrived, the Cavalry Establishment (4 Regiments) should be completed at that period at furthest, and by the 64th Para. of your Letter of the 27th February 1797 we are advised, that Directions have been given for raising the 4th Regiment immediately.

21. As the Purchase of the Regiment of Hindostanee Horse from Mr. De Boigne was not known to us at the time our Orders for the new Establishment of Native Cavalry were given, we have some Doubts of the necessity of raising four Regiments exclusive of that Corps, and could have wished you had referred the matter to us, prior to your issuing the Orders abovementioned for raising the fourth Regiment.

22. We therefore direct, that you take into serious Consideration the expediency, or necessity of keeping up so large and expensive an Establishment as five Regiments of Native Cavalry, and inform us by the earliest opportunity of your Opinion hereon.

23. Having thought proper to admit of an alteration in the Establishment of the Native Cavalry at Madras in order to preserve uniformity in the two Establishments the same is to be adopted at your Presidency each Regiment of six Troops is therefore to consist of,

1 Lieutenant Colonel
1 Major
2 Captains
1 Captain Lieutenant
6 Lieutenants
6 Cornets
2 Serjeants

Light Infantry Sepoy (Bengal)

6 Subedars
12 Jemmidars
24 Havildars
24 Naiques
6 Trumpeters
420 Privates
6 Puckallies

and as in your Letter of 13th March 1797 Par. 102, you have given it as your Opinion that a full Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon should be attached to each Regiment of Native Cavalry, we consent thereto.

24. The whole Corps, when raised is to be commanded by a Colonel Commandant as before directed.

Invalids

25. We approve of the Resolution advised in the 8th Para. of your Military Letter of 31st December 1796 for restoring the fifteen Invalids at Chunar to the Pay of the Ranks they held when put on the Invalid Establishment.

Appointments & Promotions

26. We have on further consideration thought proper to direct, that the part of our Orders of 8th January 1796 which respects the passing over such Lieutenant Colonels as may be considered unfit for the Command of Regiments, or Battalions, or to be Chief Engineers, also the Application of this Principle to the Promotion of Colonels to the Rank of Major Generals, be rescinded.

27. We have with the most minute attention considered all that has been urged against the Rule of Promotion directed by us in the Infantry and Cavalry Corps by regimental Succession, but we do not find any objection that has been stated sufficiently substantial to induce us to depart from our Orders on that Subject, or of such a nature as may not be removed by some modification of those Orders.

28. The late Commander in Chief in his Minute stated, as one Objection to this Rule, that an Officer must be promoted in his Regiment to the Rank of Lieut. Colonel, and that no latitude is allowed to deviate from it in favour of a more deserving and perhaps older Officer in the line.

29. On the point of Merit, we may observe that the same Objection would have equally applied to the former System of Promotion in the line by which no Officer however meritorious could be promoted to a Rank to which he was not entitled by his standing on the General List of the Army.

30. The objection as to Corps intended for service, and as to the Selection of Officers, does not appear to be of great validity, such Corps may now as formerly be fully Officered and there is nothing as we conceive in the present Arrangement to prevent the Selection by Government of the most meritorious Officers to Command Detachments, or Stations.

31. The Commander in Chief's Observation on the inducements to Officers to resign the Service by the Clandestine Sales of Commissions. merits Attention; and in order to guard against the possibility of such Practices we think it proper to direct, that every Officer who shall apply for leave to retire from the Service on the Pay of his Rank, shall declare upon Oath that neither he himself nor any other Person for him to his knowledge has received or will in future receive directly, or indirectly, any Compensations or gratification pecuniary or otherwise from any Person or Persons whatsoever for such his retirement, and if notwithstanding this restriction any such Practice shall be discovered the Officer receiving or permitting to be received any compensation for his retiring shall not thereafter be entitled to his Pay on retirement, but shall nevertheless be considered as entirely out of the Service, and the Officer, or Officers who may be found to have offered, or granted any Compensation or Gratification to those of higher Rank for retiring, shall not be allowed the Benefit of the Promotion thereby acquired but it shall be competent for the Government under which the parties concerned serve to promote another Officer to the Rank held in the Regiment or Battalion by the Officer retiring.

32. Another circumstance on which objections to the Regimental Promotion are grounded, as stated by the late Commander in Chief is the preference given by Officers to the Native Line of the service on account of the Superior Commands attached to rank, the greater number of separate, and independent Stations, and Commands, the superior prospect of beinf called into action. and of distinguishing themselves in their Profession. and a material difference in their Allowances by the receipt of Tent Money, these Sir Robert Abercrombie remarks, may all be supposed to operate, and that the Officers fixed to European Corps will consider themselves most unfortunate, and never be contented with their Lot.

33. The first three points of objection appear to us to be more peculiarly applicable to the System of the Native Establishment formerly in force, wherein a Battalion of Sepoys being Commanded by an Officer of no higher Rank than that of Captain, he was of course more likely to be in superior Commands, or Stations, but such accidental preference no longer existing under the new arrangement, objections on this score must be considered as done away.

34. The Tent allowance was granted to Officers of Native Corps under the Government of Marquis Cornwallis, and at his Suggestion, in order to enable them to be at all times ready for Field Service, but we have never looked upon this as a source of Emolument to those Officers.

35. With this Exception therefore and it can hardly we conceive amount to an exception there does not appear any real cause of objection on the grounds above enumerated We have no doubt that the Officers under the new Arrangement with the Modifications now directed will with equal Ardour engage in the European as in the Native line of the Service as the former

will require their attention in respect to discipline, order and other requisites for the general good equally with the latter.

36. Upon the whole therefore we see no reasonable or substantial inducement to depart from the principles of promotion laid down in our Separate Dispatch of 8 Jany. 1796 which must therefore now be carried into execution under the following qualifications.

European Infantry

37. That the Officers be promoted by Seniority in their respective Regiments to the rank of Major and afterwards to the higher Ranks by Seniority in the whole Corps.

Native Infantry

38. That promotion proceed in this Corps exactly in the same manner as above directed for the European Infantry.

Native Cavalry

39. That under the alteration in the Establishment directed above, Promotion in this Corps do likewise proceed by Seniority in the respective Regiments to the Ranks of Major and afterwards to the Higher Rank by Seniority in the whole Corps.

Paymasters

40. We have considered with attention your resolutions on the subject of our orders appointing a Paymaster (one of the Officers) to each Regiment or Battalion. In directing these appointments we had in view the Rights and Comforts of the Native Soldiery, in regard to the issue of their pay in which it is evident from the Commander in Chief's Minute on the new Arrangement and from your proceedings therein as also from the Governor Generals Minute on the subject of paying the Troops and from other circumstances great abuses had prevailed.

41. It had also been under consideration that by these appointments the station paymasters would be no longer necessary and then a saving of expence might have been effected to no inconsiderable amount and altho' the measure of abolishing those paymasterships was not specially directed in our Letter of the 8th Janry. 1796 we concluded it would of course as appears indeed to have been the case come under discussion in your proceedings on the new Army Regulations.

42. It was not however our intention to overturn or weaken in the smallest degree the established system of Check or Controul over Military Expenditure which had been so ably brought to perfection with the greatest apparent advantages to our Interest.

43. But as this seems to be apprehended to a material extent by carrying the measure now under discussion into execution and as it appears from the very able manner in which the Subject of appointing Regimental Paymasters has been treated by our Governor General in his Minutes on Consultans.

29th July 1796 and from the strong and convincing reasons adduced by him, we have no hesitation in acceding to his proposition for suspending the measure of such appointment and of continuing the payment of the Troops under the former System with the subsidiary Regulations established by the Minutes of Council of the 22nd August 1796.

44. At the same time it is but justice to our late Commander in Chief Sir Robt. Abercromby to observe that in the Arguments urged by him for a contrary opinion we see nothing which should lead us to impute any other motives to his Conduct than those which arose from his conception of a due sense of his duty to the Company and an implicit adherence to their orders.

General Officers on the Staff

45. We approve for the reasons assigned by Sir Robert Abercormby your resolution for granting to all the Major Generals then in Bengal the Staff allowances directed by us for the *Generals on the Staff only* when these. should be selected and for extending this to the Commandant of Artillery this was evidently a temporary measure as we are advised in your Military Letter of the 28th Augt. 1797 of your having selected the General Officers on the Staff and reduced the number to the peace Establishment directed by our Letter of the 8th January 1796 which must on no account be exceeded, and that you have struck off the temporary Allowances granted to the Senior Colonels of the former Establishment who are not general Officers on the Staff these measures have our approbation.

46. Although under the latitude of our Instructions of 8 January 1796 respecting the number of General Officers on the Staff during War, we do not disapprove of the Appointments of Generals Deare[1] and Rawstorne[2] to those Stations in consequence of the absence of Generals Craig and Erskine[3] yet we wish you to be fully satisfied of the absolute necessity of such Appointments in future before the Company are subjected to the additional expence occasioned thereby in a general view we do not see that it is positively requisite when Officers of this description are sent on Service in India to supply their places by new appointments during their temporary absence from the Presidency under which they serve and as the expence incurred thereby must be considerable you will give this consideration its due weight on any future occasion.

47. We approve of the restrictions under which you promoted Colonel Martine to the Rank of Major General.

Pay and Allowances

48. We shall now advert to your resolutions on the Subject of Allowances granted to Officers contrary to or not mentioned in our Letter of 8th Janry. 1796 in the order in which they appear in your proceedings of 30th May 1796.

1st. Table allowances of 1000 Rs. a Month to Colonels on duty in India not General Officers on the Staff.

49. We are not convinced of the propriety of this allowance on the apparent ground of its being granted Vizt. to equalize it to that of the Commandant of Artillery not a general Officer on the Staff, as directed by our orders the situation of the latter under the case supposed must render him liable to much greater expence than a Colonel of one of the Battalions of his own Corps.

50. Under the former System the Table allowance was granted to Colonels Commanding Brigades or Stations where there was of course a much greater number of Officers and their allowances were only then 200 Rs. a Month above those you have granted to Colonels of Regiments or Battalions.

51. Neither do the Situations of the Colonels of Regiments or Battalions in a pecuniary view appear to us to warrant this large allowance, as the Emoluments to those promoted from Lieutenant Colonels are greatly improved by the Arrangement and as to Colonels possessed of that Rank prior thereto a latitude has been left by our order of 8th Janry. 1796 to consider their situations under that Arrangement.

52. For these reasons we direct that the Table allowance to Colonels shall cease from the receipt of this Letter.

2d. The Allowance to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry not a General Officer on the Staff increased from 600 Rupees to 1000 Rupees P. Month.

53. As the situation of this Officer may be considered as on a similar footing with that of the Commandant of Artillery not a General Officer on the Staff we do not disapprove of this increase to his allowance.

3d. Lieutenant Colonels and Majors on duty in India, not promoted by the new Regulations allowed the former 500 Rs. the latter 300 Rs. a Month until promoted.

54. Under the latitude left by our Orders of 8th Janry. 1796 we do not disapprove of the allowance granted to Officers of these Ranks not promoted by the new Arrangement.

4th. Officers with the exception of Colonels Commanding regiments or Battalions allowed Batta of their next Superior Rank.

55. Under the modifications of this Order contained in the Governor Generals Minute on Consultations the 12th August 1796 and considering it was in a great measure the established practice of the Service prior to the new Arrangements we do not see any material Objection to it, but we doubt the necessity of extending this Indulgence to both the Lieutenant Colonels of a Regiment of Native Infantry which seems to be the case at present: the 7th Resolution appears indeed, in some measure to obviate this; but it is not sufficiently explicit to ascertain, if the Restriction is meant to apply to Lieutenant Colonels of the Description abovementioned if the Colonel is with his Regiment or Battalion wherever employed, we think it improper to allow any other Officer of the Regiment the superior Batta and direct that it be discontinued, if now allowed.

5th. Second Lieutenant Colonels and 2d. Majors permitted to draw the Batta and other Allowances of their respective Ranks.

56. Altho' this is a deviation from our express Orders on the Subject and should have been referred to our Decision before it was carried into effect, yet for the reasons assigned in the Commander in Chief's Minute and as Officers of the same Ranks in His Majesty's Regiments serving in India draw the full Allowances of those Ranks, we consent to confirm your Resolution.

6th. Captain Lieutenants on the new Establishment and all Subaltern Officers *now in the service* when promoted to Captain Lieutenant allowed the additional Pay of one Rupee a day except when serving in Oude.

57. On reference to the annual military Statements received from Bengal, it does not appear that the Captain Lieutenants of His Majesty's Regiments in India have been allowed the additional Pay of one Rupee a day drawn by Subalterns in our Service, their Pay being merely made equal to the Pay, *distinctly so called* of Lieutenants in the Company's Army, in addition to which they drew Batta and Gratuity as Captains, the Pay Table annexed to our orders of the 8th January 1796, was therefore in respect to Captain Lieutenants (a new Rank then introduced into our Army) founded exactly on similar Allowances drawn by Officers of that Rank in the King's Regiments serving in India according to the established practice.

58. Before the Establishment directed by our seperate Letter of 21st September 1785 the Rank of Captain Lieutenants existed in our Artillery Corps only and Officers of that Rank drew higher pay than that of Lieutenant Viz. 90 Rupees a Month, that of a Lieutenant being 70 Rupees a Month only.

59. If therefore you shall continue to be of opinion that an addition to the allowances of Officers of this Rank is absolutely necessary to support the character and consequence of such Rank as mentioned by Sir Robert Abercromby when he proposed it for your adoption we shall not withhold our Concurrence therein under the exception expressed in your Resolution to Officers serving in Oude.

60. And that our Orders for abolishing the additional pay to Subalterns may not be liable to Misconstruction, it may be right here to define them more particularly, we therefore direct that no Officer who had not been appointed a Cadet of the Season prior to 1795/6 shall be considered as entitled to such additional Pay.

7th. Brevet Captains to receive Batta as Captains.

61. When we consented to grant the Brevet Rank of Captain to Lieutenants who had been fifteen years in our Service, it was with the express direction that such Officers should not receive any additional Allowance in consequence of this indulgence, the encreased Expence by your Resolution to grant Brevet Captains the Batta of that Rank will not be less than St. Rs. 1,60,000 per annum and altho as the Commander in Chief has

observed, this Allowance will considerably diminish as the Officers become Captains, yet the Expence is likely to continue in the greatest part for a length of time, owing to the number of Officers of this Description on your Army List, it was therefore incumbent on you to have submitted this point to our Decision before you carried your Resolution into Effect.

62. Under our Orders above given relative to Brevet Batta, it is impossible for us to concur in the Measure, but in order to shew our Inclination to render the Situations of Officers of this Description in a pecuniary view consonant to the *Respectability* of their Rank, we shall not object to your allowing Brevet Captains, who stand in a very different Situation from Officers advanced beyond their Regimental Rank merely on account of the Brevet Ranks granted to His Majesty's Officers an Addition to the usual pay and allowances of Lieutenants of one Rupee a day.

63. It may be proper here to notify our Approbation of your Proceedings on the promotion of Lieutenants to Brevet Captains advised in Paragraphs 2 to 5 of your Letter of 27th Feby. 1797.

64. With respect to the Applications of the Senior Lieutenants to be promoted to the Brevet Rank of Captains referred to in your Military Letter of 31st December 1796 Paragraphs 9 to 10 the reason you have assigned and the Expence that would thereby be incurred, induce us to decline a Compliance therewith.

8th. Sum allowed to Officers serving in the Vizier's Dominions made equal to the Difference between the full and double Batta of their respective Ranks.

65. We had entertained reasonable Expectations that these allowances might have been fixed at a less amount than you have resolved on; as however we presume you were fully satisfied that nothing short of sums agreed to be allowed would have been a sufficient compensation to the Officers for the increased Expence they are put to while serving in Oude, we do not think it necessary to direct a reconsideration of your Resolutions.

66. We are by no means convinced of the necessity for adopting the Regulations, advised in Paragraphs 75 to 77 of your Military Letter of the 31st December 1796 relative to the Indemnification to be allowed to the Companys Military Officers for the loss of their Baggage and Horses on the ground of similar Regulations made here with respect to Officers in His Majesty's Service neither do we think the Situations of His Majesty's Officers serving in India render the extension of this Indemnification to them at all necessary. Your late Military Auditor General very justly observed in the 10th Paragraph of his Letter on the subject "That such of the Royal Troops as are employed in this Country (India) are better paid and provided by the Company than anywhere in Europe or other parts of the British Dominions" admitting the Force of this observation. We cannot therefore approve of the Regulations being Established in India either for the Kings or Company's Officers and direct they be annulled on receipt of this Letter.

67. We approve of the Resolution advised in the 38th Paragraph of your Military Letter of the 28th August last, of granting the full Batta of Colonel to General Officers not on the Staff, in addition to the Pay of Colonel and Share of the Off Reckonings, this being in Conformity to our intentions, in the new Arrangement.

68. We have considered the appointment mentioned in the 63d. and 64th Paragraphs of the same Letter of two General Officers not on the Staff to Command the Garrisons of Buxar and Monghyr with a Salary of Sa. Rupees 2,000 a month each, in lieu of Batta and every other allowance whatever except their pay of Colonel and Share of the Off Reckonings.

69. The Principle on which these appointments were recommended does not appear objectionable, but we apprehend the carrying it into Practice in the mode under Consideration may have a tendency to increase the number of Staff Stations altho' in a different form.

70. If the appointments and consequent allowances are looked upon at made under the discretionary Power vested in you to consider the Situations of officers whose former Emoluments are much reduced, by the new Arrangement which is certainly the case in the two Instances now before us, you have our authority for continuing them as at present.

71. But if the appointments are intended to be permanent, we are of opinion on a due attention to the Duties attached to them, that the increase to the allowances formerly drawn by Officers Commanding these Stations (after deducting the Batta of Colonel to General Officers not on the Staff noticed above) is more than can be requisite and must therefore on future appointments of Officers thereto, undergo revision.

72. Such parts of your Proceedings relative to medical & ca. Allowances to the different Corps under the new Arrangement as are not particularly noticed by us, may be considered as having our approbation.

73. The period at which you Resolved the Regulations for paying the Army under the new Arrangement should have effect Vizt. from the 1st of June 1796 is approved.

Off Reckonings

74. We approve of the Resolutions advised in Paras. 24 and 25 of your Military Letter of 31st Decr. 1796 of allowing the Artillery Captains an equivalent to their former Off Reckonings, but this allowance must of course cease when those Officers are promoted.

75. We also admit of the allowance of 100 Rs. a Month to the Adjutants of European Battalions in lieu of the same amount drawn by them, from the Off Reckoning Fund, prior to the New Regulations, as advised in the 31st and the 32nd Paras. of the same letter.

76. The Regulations for dividing the Off Reckoning Fund contained in Para. 54 to 56 of your Letter of 27th Febry. 1797 have also met with our approbation.

Medical Department

77. Your Proceedings of the 25th June 1796 carrying our Orders on this subject into execution, have in general our approbation.

78. With regard to full Surgeons, We are of Opinion, that the number you have assigned at the Presidency for the Civil Line, Vizt. five is more than can be required, you will therefore reconsider your resolution on this point.

79. And having taken into consideration the 11th, 12th and 13th Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 8th December 1796 We hereby confirm your resolutions founded on the recommendation of the Hospital Board, that the whole Medical Corps shall continue to rise in one general List, subject as heretofore to all Civil or Military Duties under the existing Regulations, and that the Surgeons attached to Civil Stations shall be considered, as equally liable with those Serving in the Army to be recalled upon Military Service, also that they shall on this footing be admitted to the indulgencies of Furlough and Retiring.

80. The exclusion however from these indulgencies of those who under the option of the Regulations of 24th October 1788, had previously resigned all claim to future promotion, is strictly proper, as it was not our intention, that Medical Gentlemen who under those regulations had for so great a length of time, been on their own Option, released from attending to the Military Duties of their Profession, should now claim, or be allowed the benefits held out by the New Arrangement; it would operate as a serious hardship upon those; who have hitherto been attached to Military Stations on the former system, were Gentlemen of the above description permitted to assume the functions of those Situations which they had formerly declined, as they would thereby not only supercede those whose constant attention to Military Duties entitled them to the advantages now assigned them, but probably for a considerable period might keep them out of the Situations and consequent rewards they have so justly deserved. We therefore direct that the Regulation of October 1788 be adhered to, in respect to any Surgeon, or Assistant Surgeon, who may hereafter decline taking upon him the Duties of the Military Line of the Profession when called on for that purpose.

81. We have considered the Letter from several of the Gentlemen of the Medical Department on your Establishment, referred to in Paragraphs 94 to 104 of your Military Dispatch, of the 13th March 1797 requesting Sundry alterations, in the present Situations of the Heads of that Department as to Rank and Pay.

82. You have already been advised of our Resolution as to the Pay on Furlough granted to Head Surgeons, which is conformable to what you have suggested in the 9th Paragraph, and with respect to your recommendation for allowing the Pay of Lieutenant Colonel to members of the Medical Board when on Furlough, We shall not object to it; the other points relative to

these two descriptions of Our Medical Servants recommended in the same Paragraph, have also Our approbation.

83. On the remaining Subjects of the address now treated of, We entirely adopt your reasonings.

Furlough

84. We think it necessary to direct your attention to the Regulation on this head, as to the proportion of Officers to be allowed to come home, We are induced to notice this Subject, from observing that five Subalterns of your Engineer Corps have been on Furlough at the same time which exceeds the proportion above referred to.

85. We entirely coincide in your Opinions founded on general principles on the subject of the application of your late Adjutant General Lieutenant Colonel Murray, as stated in paragraphs 18 to 24 of your Letter of the 31st December 1796; at the same time we concur in the sentiments expressed in the 24th Paragraph relative to that Officer.

86. And having considered with attention Paragraphs 26 to 29 containing the proposed Regulations recommended by the Military Board, for permitting Serjeants to retire, we acquiesce therein.

87. With regard to your Resolution in the following paragraph for extending the benefit of the regulations of Furlough and Retirement, to Deputy Commissioners of Ordnance as the number of Persons of this description who are not Commissioned Officers in the Army is so few, We shall not withhold our consent thereto, but we think it may be proper in general, that these Stations should be filled on future vacancies by Subalterns of Artillery.

88. But we cannot give our consent to the extension of the indulgence of retiring from the Service with their Pay of Sona. Rs. 50 per Month to the Conductors of Ordnance as advised in the 128th & 129th Paragraphs of your Military Letter of the 28th August, 1797, these being Persons holding no Military Rank, who are either taken from Non Commissioned Artillery Officers or from Men not before in Our Service.

89. The Regulations advised in the 71 Paragraph of the Letter of 31st December 1796 relative to Officers permitted to proceed to the Cape and eventually to Europe are approved.

90. Having considered the applications of the Chaplains at your Presidency referred to in your Letters of 30th July and 31st December 1796, to be allowed the benefits of Pay on Furlough and Retirement from the Service, we have come to the following Resolutions thereon.

91. That Chaplains attached, to the Army or Military Stations be allowed to come home on Furlough for three Years, within the full Pay of their corresponding Rank on the Military Establishment Vizt. that of Captain, as fixed by your Resolution in the case of the Reverend Mr. Loftie.

92. That no Military Chaplain shall be permitted to come home on Furlough, who has not been resident in India Seven Years, unless in cases of Certified ill health.

93. That the proportion of Military Chaplains to be permitted to come home on Furlough be left to the discretion of the respective Governments in India.

Retiring from the Service

94. That Military Chaplains after 18 Years service in India, three years for One furlough being included, be allowed to retire from the Service.

95. That the Pay to Military Chaplains so retiring, be the same as that allowed to them when on Furlough, viz. Captains Pay, or 10 Shillings P. Day.

96. That no Chaplain be allowed to retire on such pay, who has not served Ten Years at a Military Station.

97. That no Chaplain be entitled to retire on such Pay, who does not produce ample testimonials of his having discharged his Duty as a Clergyman faithfully, and diligently, and also of his good conduct and behaviour in general, these testimonials to be transmitted through the Governments under which the Chaplains were serving with the opinion of such Government thereon.

98. We have attended to the observations in your Letter of the 31st December 1796 on the representation from the Military Auditor General relative to the Addition of his signature to the Certificates required by Our Orders of the 22nd April 1796, of the latest Period to which Pay had been drawn by Officers coming home on Furlough, or Retirement, the reason for requiring the attestation of the Auditor General, was Precisely to ascertain the point he has mentioned viz., the latest Period to which Pay was sanctioned in his Office if the Military Paymaster General cannot authorise the issue of Pay without such Sanction, there can be no objection to the omission of the Military Auditor Generals Signature to the required Certificates.

99. The Great benefit to the Service by the indulgence granted to Officers of retiring after a certain number of Years on their Pay, must be a sufficient proof of the attention We have shewn to their Comfort, and happiness, and in order still further to impress this Sentiment, and to afford every assistance to Officers who from ill Health may not be able to continue in India the time prescribed in the Regulations on this head, We have consented to an extention of this indulgence in the following manner Vizt.—

That without requiring any Specific Period of Service, every Officer who has by regular Promotion attained the Rank of Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, or Captain Lieutenant be allowed to retire from the service on the Half Pay of their respective Ranks.

100. And as cases may occur where the Constitution of some of our Officers may not be able to support the Climate of India for a period

sufficient to their obtaining promotion above the rank of a Subaltern We have agreed to permit a Lieutenant in this predicament after having served thirteen years in India and an Ensign, Lieutenant Fireworker, or Colonel, after having served nine years including each a Furlough for Three years to retire on the half Pay of their respective ranks.

101. If an Officer of the rank of Lieutenant whose Constitution may be so impaired as to prevent the possibility of his continuing in India has not served the period prescribed above he may be permitted to retire from the Service on the half pay of Ensign.

102. Provided that in every instance of Officers retiring under the conditions above specified, the Governments in India and the Court of Directors shall be satisfied that such Officers intention of retiring from the Service is founded upon a real inability from ill health of his longer continuing to Serve in India and does not arise from Caprice, or any other cause which might render the provision to be made for him by the foregoing regulations unnecessary.

103. For this purpose it will be indispensably necessary that the most ample Certificates should be required from every Officer wishing to avail himself of the Indulgencies now proposed to be granted.

104. In every instance of Officers wishing to avail themselves of these indulgencies the rules laid down in the former part of this Letter relative to payments or offers of payments from Officers next in succession in order to induce their Superiors to retire must be applied.

105. And in all cases of Officers retiring, their pay or half pay is to be the same as that of Officers of Infantry as prescribed in our Separate Letter of 8th Jany. 1796 under this head.

106. In reply to the case stated in the 16th and 17th Paragraphs of your Military Letter of 31st December 1796, we have to observe that our regulations of the 22nd April preceding were not meant to annul that clause in the new Arrangement which requires from Officers coming home on Furlough a declaration within twelve Months after their Arrival of their intention of retiring from the Service.

107. And as we have been informed that General Officers or Colonels in Command of Regiments Battalions or Corps do not consider themselves called on under the regulations respecting Furlough or retirement to make such declaration within that period we think it necessary to state explicitly that all Officers of whatever rank or description are to abide by the rules prescribed on this subject.

Rates of Passage Money

108. You have already been informed of the regulations on this Subject established by our orders of the 27th July 1796 since which we have thought proper to direct that the Sum allowed to be taken by the Commanders of our Ships for the Passage and Accommodation at their Tables

homeward bound of such Subaltern Officers, Assistant Surgeons, and Cadets as may return to Europe by order of Government expressly for the recovery of their Health shall be reduced to 1,000 Sicca Rupees.

Allowance of Passage Money to Subaltern Officers

109. We approve of the Regulations you adopted on the 29th July 1796 relative to the Allowance of Passage Money to Subalterns returning to Europe for the benefit of their Health upon the Certificates prescribed so far as regards the state of their Health including such as hold only the Brevet rank of Captain and of your resolution for extending this Allowance to Subalterns of his Majestys regiments serving in India who may be under the necessity of coming home on account of sickness.

110. But we do not think it necessary to insist on the declarations respecting their property required by your regulations of the above date.

111. We have resolved that no Subaltern Officer who left India prior to the first June 1796 from which date the operation of the new Army Arrangement as to pay, took effect shall be allowed this indulgence of Passage Money under that Arrangement.

112. We have fixed the Sum to be allowed to Subaltern Officers coming home for ill health from your Establishment subsequent to the above period at Sicca Rups. 1,000.

Recruits

113. Various obstacles which it is unnecessary to detail have occurred to carrying into effect the plan alluded to in our dispatch of the 8th January 1796 for recruiting our European Army but we trust that measures for establishing a plan of that nature will soon be taken, in the mean time we have obtained his Majesty's Licence to recruit by which we hope to be able to supply the deficiency in our European Establishments under the reform therein above directed, and it is satisfactory to observe that the number of Foreigners enlisted from the Troops formerly belonging to the Dutch Possessions at the Cape or elsewhere have afforded some supply to our European Regiments in India.

114. Having thus detailed under the several Heads contained in our Orders of 8th January 1796 such Observations as have appeared necessary on your proceedings in consequence of those Orders we shall conclude with some remarks on the very extraordinary conduct of several of our Officers in their address to you on the new Arrangement.

115. When we consider the liberal principles of that Arrangement formed as it was in concert with His Majesty's Ministers and who United with us in endeavouring to remove every reasonable cause of complaint when we recollect that in many instances indulgencies were granted by it which had not been expected, when we advert to the pecuniary sacrifices made by the Company to promote the Comfort and happiness of the whole of our Indian Army, we must repeat in the terms of the concluding part of

our separate Letter of the 8th January 1796 that we had the most sanguine expectations that "all discontent would be done away that our Military Servants would feel duly impressed with a sense of the protection extended to them and the great regard shewn to their interests and that they would consider with candour the important variation made in the Service in general in credit, emoluments, and respectability however some few individuals might not feel their present situations exactly what they wished."

116. To these sentiments on the most mature consideration we adhere, and we are convinced every reasonable, every ingenuous mind will concur in them, what therefore must have been our surprize and indignation to find these our well founded expectations disappointed, to learn that some of our Officers instead of receiving the material benefits and advantages held out to them by the new Army Regulations with gratitude and respect had presumed to arraign those regulations in a style of disrespect and intemperance highly unbecoming the situation in which they stand to those who had prescribed them, that some had even dared to insinuate that we had been actuated by unworthy motives in forming some parts of those regulations and that other parts the most beneficial to their interests and happiness had been treated with contempt or indifference in short that in their unfounded animadversions they have totally lost sight of all subordination and submission and even betrayed symtoms of disaffection to our Service.

117. When we examine the situation of those who thus forgetful of their duty have annexed their signatures to addresses of this Complexion we are concerned to find amongst them several whose immediate advantages must follow the carrying into effect the Arrangement determined on while on the other hand Young Men who had just entered the service have presumed to call in question the principles of regulations which it was scarcely possible they could yet comprehend.

118. It is nevertheless some consolation to us to observe that the Number of Officers to whom these remarks more immediately apply is comparatively small and we are still willing to persuade ourselves that on more mature reflection impressed with a conviction of the substantial benefits of the arrangement even these few will see the impropriety of their conduct, and return to a just sense of their duty, for, to adopt the language of the Governor General in his Minute of 15th June 1796 we doubt not, that experience will prove to the Officers of the Bengal Army that their collective interests have been more consulted in the Arrangement than they appear at present to understand.

119. From these considerations we are induced to draw a Veil over the past conduct of those Officers whose addresses have been the subject of the foregoing animadversions but necessary as it is for us to preserve that respect and subordination which is so much our due from them in every view and to deter all our Military Servants from such proceedings in future we hereby direct that if any of our Officers hereafter presume to address

themselves to our Governments in an offensive intemperate, or disrespectful style upon the subject of orders received from us, such Officers whatever be their Rank or Services be immediately dismissed from our employ and sent to England.

120. The benefits arising to our Military Service from the New Arrangement under the modifications directed in this Letter and the great additional burthens we have imposed thereby on our Finances are so strikingly conspicuous that they cannot we trust fail to excite the liveliest sense of gratitude in those whose interests and happiness have been so much attended to therein—we have therefore an undoubted right to expect that every appearance of future objection to our Orders will vanish, and that all our Officers will by every means in their Power cheerfully co-operate in carrying them into execution.

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London
the 6th June 1798.

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LETTER DATED 1 AUGUST 1798

William Fullarton Gardiner's claim admitted.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 6th June last.

2. We have received your Letter in the Military Department dated 22d December 1797.

3. Brevet Lieut. Colonel Sir John Kenneway and Lieut. George Mason have our leave to remain in England 'till next Season.

4. The following Military Officers have retired from our service, vizt., Brevet Lieut. Colonels William Rattray, and Joseph Burnett of your Artillery. Lieut. Colonel William Macintosh of the Infantry. You will therefore discontinue their names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

5. We have received an Application from Mr. William Fullarton Gardiner of your Medical Establishment to be allowed certain charges made by him when employed as Head Surgeon to the Army in Rohilcund in 1794.

6. On reference to your Military Proceedings of the 3d February 1797, we find these Charges were reported by the Military Auditor General to be correctly made, but the Objection to passing them was the delay in bringing them forward under the Standing Orders of 1784 and 1786. Your Resolution for rejecting them, we conclude, was formed on that ground, altho' it is not so stated.

7. As we are of Opinion that the Reasons assigned by Mr. Gardiner for the delay in bringing these Charges forward are satisfactory, we have agreed that the Operation of the Orders above referred to, shall be waved, in respect to them, as they are reported by your Auditor General to have been fully authorized, we therefore direct that you pay the amount to Mr. Gardiner's Attorney.

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London
the 1 August 1798.

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LETTER DATED 5 DECEMBER 1798

Discontinuation of passage money to officers in-charge of invalids

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 1st August.

2. Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an Order* of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison, Ordnance, and Naval Stores and also Provisions, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed of your

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XV, 1798, p. 126.

Presidency that we may avoid the heavy Penalties to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact copy of the Indorsement of the cockets sent by the Ships whereon such Stores are laden, and not the particular contents of each Package.

3. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their rank, on your Establishment vizt., Captain Robert Bowie, Brevet Captn. Jas. Salmond, Lieutt. Fireworker Samuel Sinclair Hay.

4. The following Military Officers have retired from our service, vizt., Lieutenant Colonels James Vibart and Robert Ogle.

You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

5. Several Applications having been made to us for the payment of Passage Money for Officers returning to England in charge of Invalids belonging to His Majesty's Regiments, we have been led to a consideration of this Subject and it appearing that the Surgeons of the Company's ships regularly charge Headmoney for their attendance upon Invalids of the Kings Service returning from the different Presidencies in India during their Voyage to Europe, which is borne by the Company, and that His Majesty's Surgeons have been allowed the same for Company's Invalids when they have happened to come under their care. And as the Invalids belonging to the Company's Service are regularly sent to England without an Officer being specially Ordered home in charge of them we see no just cause for making a distinction in regard to the Invalids of His Majesty's Regiments and the Company's Troops returning to Great Britain more especially as by the late Regulations concerning our Indian Armies we have endeavoured to place the whole upon an equal footing—it is therefore our Order that you cause it to be signified to His Majesty's Officers that we shall discontinue allowing Passage Money upon that account in future unless you shall assign to us very satisfactory reasons to warrant our so doing.

6. Mr. Thomas Latter having requested that the Rank of his two Sons who were appointed Cadets for your Presidency in the Season 1795 may be altered, so as that Robert Latter, the younger may not rank above Barré Richard William Latter the Elder, which he states has by accident been the Rank we have assigned them; we recommend that Mr. Latter's request be complied with, provided you shall be of Opinion it can be done with propriety but not otherwise.

7. In the List of the Rank of Cadets for your Presidency for the Season 1793 the Name of John Slesser was by mistake inserted instead of William Slesser, we have further to add that Mr. Slesser proceeded to his Station on the Ship Francis in the following Season.

8. Robert Limond, whom we have permitted to proceed to Bombay, to practise as a Surgeon, and to succeed to the Post of Assistant Surgeon, has

our permission first to proceed to Bengal, and to remain there till the Arrival of the Ships from Europe of the ensuing Season.

9. John Phair and Thomas Miller, Private Mattrosses of the 5th Company 2nd Battalion of your Artillery having produced their discharges at Columbo on the Island of Ceylon dated the 13th April last, together with Certificates of the same date signed by Lieutenant Robert Hetzler of that Corps shewing that Cloathing and half mounting were due to them from the 1st May 1796 and Quilts for two Years, and requested Payment thereof, we have accordingly paid them the amount of their stoppages for the above period at 2 Sonat Rupees P. Month, and the cost of Quilts for the two Years as stated in the Books of Military Establishments at the rate of two Shillings and six pence the Sonat Rupee, the sum paid to each is six pounds eleven Shillings and two pence, which you will communicate to the proper Officers to be inserted in your Military Accounts.

10. We have appointed Mr. John Wells Fast now abroad a Cadet on your Establishment provided the Governor General and Council shall be satisfied that he is not a Foreigner the Son of a Native Indian or exceptionable in any respect: the necessary Certificate of Mr. Fast's Age has been produced to us.

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London
the 5th December 1798.

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LETTER DATED 28 DECEMBER 1798

No additional pay to European forces in Bengal.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Your Correspondence with the Government of Madras, relative to the Mutiny in the Artillery Corps there, has engaged our most serious attention, and we take the earliest Opportunity to forward you such directions as we

think necessary for your guidance, in consequence of the alteration that has taken place in the Pay and Allowances of His Majesty's Forces.

2. We are decidedly of opinion that as the Troops of the Bengal Establishment, are in the constant receipt of half Batta, the additional Pay to His Majesty's Troops, by the General Orders of May 1797, ought not to be given to the Europeans either King's or Company's of that Establishment, as they already receive in Pay and half Batta, very ample Allowances, and more than the Troops in the other Settlements will receive, even with the addition now ordered.

3. These considerations, we trust will have struck you in the same light as they have us, and that of course, you have not in consequence of what has been represented to you by the Government of Fort St. George on the Subject mentioned in the first Paragraph, granted the additional Pay to the European Troops serving under your Presidency, but if you shall have determined otherwise, we have no hesitation in declaring it as our fixed opinion, that a proportionate reduction ought to be made in the half Batta to those Troops, and you will therefore take measures for carrying this determination into effect.

4. As the European Troops at Madras and Bombay, do not receive any Batta unless in the Field or Marching; we have resolved to confirm the additional Pay given to those Troops, whether King's or Company's.

5. And as the European Artillery have always enjoyed higher Pay than the European Infantry, the additional Pay is to be given to the former Corps, at both those Presidencies.

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London
the 28th December 1798.

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LETTER DATED 13 MARCH 1799

Amended furlough rules explained—appointment of cadets and assistant surgeons.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter in this Department was dated the 28th December 1798.

2. We have received your Letter in the Military Department, dated 13th March 1798.

3. The Managers resident in England, of the Bengal Orphan Society, having requested us to advance them the sum of One Thousand pounds, on their giving Bills on the Society in Bengal, we have agreeably to the recommendation in your Letter of the 31st January 1795, advanced them the said Sum, and transmit you a Set of Bills drawn by those Gentlemen on the Managers of the Society in Bengal, payable at Sight, accompanied by a Letter of Advice, leaving it to you to settle the rate of Exchange.

4. In the 5th Paragraph of our Military Letter of 30th June 1797, we informed you of our Resolution that Officers whose Furlough had been extended beyond two Years and a half, from the time of their quitting India, should, notwithstanding such extension of Furlough not to be allowed Pay for any further time, unless upon their return to India,, when Six Months more Pay might be advanced to them.

5. As this Regulation has not been clearly understood, and as from the Paragraph immediately following that above quoted, it would appear to be our intention, that Officers in this predicament, were to receive in India, the arrears of Pay, from the expiration of their three Years Furlough, to the time of their arrival at the different Establishments under which they serve, we think it necessary, more fully, to explain our Orders on this subject, and in that view, to direct that all Officers whose Furlough has exceeded three Years, from the time of their quitting India, to that of their return, are not to be entitled to Pay for any period of their Absence beyond three Years, but that their Pay is to re-commence only from the date of their actual arrival from Furlough, at the Presidency under which they serve.

6. As some Cases may however occur, when Officers have been detained on their Voyage home, by unavoidable causes, out of the usual course, or by the late sailing in some Seasons of the Ships outward bound, the Certificates of Pay given by our Auditor, will specify the exceptions to the general rule above prescribed, which we may think proper to admit of.

7. The following Military Officers have been permitted to retire from our Service, vizt., Lieutenant Colonels Patrick Hay, George Mence, John Rattray, James Pearson, Sir John Murray Bart., on the full Pay of their Regimental Ranks—Brevet Captains Edward Bird, John Odell Roch, Philip Baldwin, John Gillespie, Lieutenant Nicholas Saumarez, on the half Pay of their Regimental Ranks—Head Surgeon Francis Balfour, Surgeon William Fullarton Gardner. You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

8. We have permitted the following Assistant Surgeons to return to their Rank on your Establishment, vizt., Messrs. George Ranken, John William Smith.

9. We have this Season (1798) Resolved to appoint Fifty five Cadets for the Infantry on your Establishment, and Twenty eight for the Cavalry.

10. We have also Resolved to appoint Twelve Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency.

11. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency, in part of the number we this Season (1798) agreed to send thither, vizt., Messrs. Charles Dumergue Junr., Samuel George Evans, Samuel Grant, William Rose, Charles James Nisbett, Joseph Hume.

12. In our Letter of the 5th December last, we acquainted you that Mr. Robert Limond, whom we had appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bombay, had our permission first to proceed to Bengal, and to remain there, till the arrival of the Ships from Europe of the ensuing Season; we have since appointed Mr. Limond an Assistant Surgeon for your Presidency on the List of this Season (1798).

13. We have appointed Mr. James Mc.Farlane a Cadet on your Establishment of Infantry, provided he does not appear to you exceptionable in any respect—the necessary Certificate of his Age has been produced.

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London
the 13th March 1799.

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LETTER DATED 17 APRIL 1799

Appointment of assistant surgeons and cadets.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter in this Department was dated the 13th March.

2. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment, vizt., Captain Francis Kyan, Brevet Captains William Flemyng, John Leathart, Henry Wilkins Hicks, Henry Martin D'Esterre, Lieutenants George Mason, Richard Lambert, John Petrie Keble, Lieutenant Fireworker James Ahmuty.

3. We have permitted Mr. James Ross to return to his Rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

4. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency, in further part of the number we this Season (1798) agreed to send thither, vizt., Messrs Small, William Woolley, George Penrice.

Mr. Small being at the Cape of Good Hope, he will proceed from thence to Bengal, and we transmit Covenants in Duplicate, to be executed by him, one of them is to be kept in India, and the other returned to us.

5. We approve of your having employed Mr. William Tutin to do duty as an Assistant Surgeon at Dacca; and as he is represented by the Medical Board, as a Gentleman regularly bred to the Profession, we have agreed to appoint him an Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment, to take rank under all the Europe Appointments of last Season.

6. We have appointed Mr. James Barber now abroad, a Cadet on your Establishment, for the Corps of Infantry, provided the Governor General and Council shall be satisfied that he is not a Foreigner, the Son of a Native Indian, or exceptionable in any respect—the necessary Certificate of Mr. Barber's Age has been produced to us.

7. We have appointed Mr. Patrick Dunbar, now abroad, a Cadet in your Establishment, for the Corps of Cavalry, provided the Governor Gl. and Council shall be satisfied that he is not a Foreigner, the Son of a Native Indian, or exceptionable in any respect—the necessary Certificate of Mr. Dunbar's Age has been produced to us.

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London
the 17th April 1799.

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LETTER DATED 29 MAY 1799

Order to distribute Chinsura prize money—defective muster rolls in army—appointment of cadets and assistant surgeons—allowance to surgeons of ships carrying troops from England—officers on furlough to benefit from promotion—allowances of various officers—Company's bounty to orphans

to continue—surgeons of King's troops dismissed for demanding head-money—question of command of cavalry corps.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 17th April.

2 Having received several Applications from the Representatives of the Officers employed in taking Possession of the Dutch Factory at Chinsurah in July 1781, requesting we would give Orders for the distribution of the Prize Money arising from the Capture of the Place, we have taken the same into Consideration as also the Proceedings of our Governor General and Council in 1781, 1782 and 1783 on the Claims made by the Officers to share in the Property Captured there.

3. On reference to those Proceedings particularly the Extract from your Letter of 15th October 1783 we entertain serious doubts of the foundation of such Claims when we consider the circumstances and manner of the Capture of the place which as you have observed in the 13th paragraph of the Letter above quoted, "was neither the effect of meritorious Service nor of a Capitulation made to prevent the bloody consequences of an Assault—the place being defenceless and Ceded of course on a simple requisition from Government and was an Act of formal accommodation not a Military Operation"—if we were to be guided therefore in our decision on these Claims solely by a view of the circumstances under which Possession was obtained of the Dutch Settlement of Chinsurah, we should have no hesitation in saying that there existed very little ground for preferring them.

4. But as the Claims set up by His Majesty's Naval Officers to a participation in the Booty found in Chinsurah have been admitted and a moiety of a very considerable sum of Money paid into the Admiralty Court under decrees of that Court has been awarded to those Claimants and the appropriation of the remaining moiety remains with the Company we direct that you pay one half of the said remainder amounting at 2s/ the Current Rupee to Crs. 416,450 to the Officers and Troops employed against Chinsurah or to their legal representatives or Agents and we have thought proper to leave the mode of distributing this sum to you according to the usual practice of the Service.

5. But the amount abovementioned is not to be paid immediately into the hands of any Agents or Committee of Officers who you may think necessary to appoint to regulate such distribution nor any part thereof but as the shares to the respective Claimants are established you are to pay the same by Orders on your Treasury and all Shares unclaimed are to remain there as Deposits.

6. We have received several Applications from General Stibbert requesting to be allowed a share in the Property Captured at Chinsurah, but as we

do not feel ourselves competent to decide on General Stibbert's Claim we have resolved to refer the subject to you. Copies of his Letters and Documents* accompanying will be forwarded accordingly, and we have no doubt that your decision will be founded on strict Justice to all Parties concerned and a due regard to the usages of the Service in Cases of this nature.

7. In examining the state of our European Forces under your Presidency in order to ascertain the number of Deaths in any given Period, we do not find that materials sufficient for that purpose have been forwarded to us; the Muster Rolls if correctly drawn up should give the information required at the end of each year, but they have neither been regularly transmitted nor are those which we have received to be depended upon for, by reference to the Registers of burials for the same Years it appears that several Deaths are stated in these Registers which are not noticed in the Muster Rolls, and that Burials of Soldiers are included in the Registers whose names are not on the Rolls or have not their Christian or Surnames written exactly in the same way, these errors are probably occasioned by the want of proper returns of Casualties from the Out Stations which should be regularly transmitted to the Town Majors Office.

8. There is reason also to believe that the numbers of Europeans contained in the Muster Rolls are erroneous as they differ from those in the Books of Military Establishments which appear to be made up with great care and exactness.

9. By the General returns of the Troops the numbers also considerably differ from the Muster Rolls altho' the Statements are apparently made up within a little time of each other. The General returns it is true do not always specify the number of Europeans in Garrison whose time of Service is expired, which are included as we suppose in the Rolls nor the Detachments at Fort Marlbro', Prince of Wales's Island &ca but these cannot we conceive amount to the differences generally existing in the Statements referred to.

10. From what we have here noticed it seems evident that the Muster Rolls are generally defective in regard to Numbers and we shall expect that more attention is shewn in making them out in future.

11. The mode of making out these Rolls appears to be objectionable as they include in a General List the Names of the Men deceased as well as of the living; this should be altered and the Muster Roll should contain only the names of the men alive at the annual period of making it up—which may be the first day of the year and the Casualties from the date of the preceding Roll should be added in a separate List.

12. These should be dispatched to Europe by the Ships which sail the latter end of February or beginning of March which would leave sufficient time between the date of the Roll and dispatch of the Ships to receive the returns from the Outstations to the beginning of the Year.

*See Appendix

13. And in order that we may be regularly informed of the Casualties in the European part of the Service, we direct that quarterly returns be sent home stating in Columns the alterations that have taken place since the date of the preceding return under the following heads vizt.

	Re-enlisted	Enlisted in the Country	Recruits from Europe	Dead	Deserted	Transferred to the Invalid Corps	Discharged and sent to Europe	Discharged and remain in the Country
Infantry	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......
Artillery	....	....	....	....	....	......	......	......

14. It will be also necessary to state the alterations in the European Invalids as to the number transferred to this Corps, Deaths, Desertions &ca &ca therein.

15. To enable the Adjutant General to make out these General Quarterly Returns the necessary Orders must be given to every Corps or station of the Army for furnishing the particular returns thereof in the most regular manner.

16. And in order to ascertain the number of European soldiers returning to Europe annually, the Lists of Charterparty Passengers which usually contain merely the names of such Passengers should describe distinctly of what denominations they consist.

17. Mr. Robert Bathurst of your Civil Establishment having previous to his return to Bengal addressed us on the subject of the Engagement entered into by Mr. Arbuthnot and himself as Securities for Mr. Robert Holt formerly Paymaster to the Artillery and Garrisons of your Establishment requesting our consideration of the particular circumstances of the case and praying that we would afford the Securities full indemnification from their Engagement. We have in consequence examined the whole of your Proceedings upon the matter in question, and under the peculiar situation of the Securities we think them entitled to some relief. We have therefore consented to exonerate Messrs Bathurst and Arbuthnot from their Engagement after they shall have paid the Sum of Twenty thousand Current Rupees in part of the Company's demand against Mr. Holt by the Instalments you agree to take of them in December 1796. Whatever you have received therefore from these Gentlemen or their Attornies by such Instalments above this sum is to be repaid to them but without Interest.

18. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment, vizt. Brevet Captains Richard Willoughby, Roderick Fraser, Lieuts William Dickson, Henry Bennet Lloyd, Lieutenant Fireworkers Thomas Wm. Fortnom, Leslie Grove.

19. We have appointed Mr Suetonius Henry Todd now in Bengal, a Cadet of this Season for the Bengal Infantry provided you shall be satisfied he is not the son of a Native Indian or exceptionable in any other respect. The friends of Mr Todd have delivered the necessary Certificate of his Age.

20. We have resolved to appoint, One hundred Cadets this Season for your Infantry Establishment, in addition to the number mentioned in our Letter of the 13th March last.

21. We have permitted the following Military Officers to remain in England till next Season vizt. Lieutenant Colonel Peter Murray, Captains Michael Hiffernan, George Carpenter, Brevet Captains Henry Worsley, Henry Martin D'Esterre, Henry Cheape, James Mowatt, Lieutenant Boulton Mainwaring.

22. The Friends of Mr George Steel (appointed by us a Cadet for the Engineer Corps on your Establishment for the Season 1795) having represented to us that by the Transfer of Ensign Macleod from the Infantry to that Corps on the 26th April 1797 Mr Steel had been injured in his Rank. We have referred to your Army List of the 1st April 1798 the latest received and find that Mr Steel is inserted as a Cadet under Ensign Macleod, but as Mr Steel had our permission to remain in Europe until 1796/7 for the purpose of completing his Education at the Royal Academy at Woolwich, or would otherwise have arrived before the Transfer abovementioned, we think it but justice to him to direct that he take Rank above Mr Macleod.

23. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency in further part of the Number we this Season (1798) agreed to send thither Vizt., Messrs. James Williamson, Josia Ridges.

24. It being very inconvenient to accommodate on board the Charlton and Asia, the Number of Cadets still remaining for Bengal and Fort St. George, they will be ordered to go on the China direct, and Bombay Ships. Directions have been sent to those places to cause them to proceed to their duty as early as possible, and to defray for the Passage of each Cadet a Sum not exceeding Twenty Pounds.

25. His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief having been pleased to Officer to our consideration a Plan for supplying the Company with Recruits from those enlisted by His Majesty for General Service, we have on mature consideration signified our acceptance of the same, and the Draft of a Bill for carrying the same into Effect is now before the Honorable House of Commons. In the mean time His Royal Highness has in compliance with our solicitation consented to furnish a Number of Recruits for our several Presidencies which will be embarked on the Ships noticed in the margin, you will receive due intimation of the proportion intended for our Service at your Presidency,

The Charlton, Asia, Woodford and Albion

it may be proper to inform you that the term of Service for which Recruits are enlisted is ten years.

26. We shall now reply to your several Letters in the Military Department following.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 13th March 1797

(Para 1) Acknowledging receipts of the Court's Dispatches of the 27th July and 5th August 1796.

27. Need no Reply.

(2 to 10) In answer to the Court's Letter of the 27th July 1796.

(11 to 52) In answer to the Court's Letter of the 5th August 1796.

(53) Claim of Mr Macnaughton to the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops.

28. The Papers relative to the Claim of Mr McNaughton to the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the Kings Troops serving under your Presidency have been submitted to the consideration of His Majesty's Paymaster General.

(54 to 79) Answer to the Court's Letter of 5th August. 1796 concluded.

29. Need no Reply.

(80 to 83) Claim in behalf of the late Lieut Barry and that of Serjeant Thos. Elstone, to share in the Rohilla Donation of 1774 rejected.

(84) Advising some alterations in the General Hospital at the Presidency.

(85 & 86) Reform in the Establishment of the Arsenal.

30. We have had reference to the Proceedings mentioned in these Paragraphs containing the detail of the new Establishments of the Arsenal Magazine and Field Train and as the business appears to have been taken up and investigated with much care and deliberation, we have every reason to suppose that the alterations you have adopted, though attended with an additional expense

of Rupees (1300) one thousand three hundred P Month, will be productive of advantage to the Service, and therefore approve thereof. We likewise approve of your Resolution, advised in your subsequent Dispatch of the 28th April, for forming the Artificers and workmen employed in Fort William into a Corps of Pioneers, and are much pleased that this Arrangement, which promises to be of utility, has been effected at no additional Expense.

(87) Commanding Officer at Prince of Wales Island granted an addition of (300) three hundred Rupees P Month to his Table Allowance.

31. We direct that at the conclusion of the War this additional Allowance for Table to the Officer Commanding at Prince of Wales Island be discontinued.

(88) Verandahs to the Barracks at Cawnpore enclosed.

32. As the Barracks at Cawnpore were found insufficient for the accommodation of the Regiment of European Infantry on the new Establishment we approve of your having authorized the enclosing of the Verandahs.

(89) Brevet Captain Thomas Alcock[1] appointed Deputy Adjutant General with the Official Rank of Major.

(90) Brevet Captain R. Davis permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

(91) Mr John Gray Henderson appointed Surgeon to the first Battalion of Artillery and the Promotions in consequence.

(92 & 93) Messrs. Keane, Corse and Fletcher, Assistant Surgeons permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

33. Need no Reply.

(94 to 104) Transmitting a Memorial from the Medical department.

34. Already replied to.

(105 & 106) Allowance to the Surgeons of Ships which carried out Troops from England.

35. We approve of your Proceedings on this Subject and desire it may be considered as a rule in future to pay the Surgeons of all our Ships in general whether in the regular line of Service or taken up as Extra Ships, the usual Head Money of ten Shillings (10s) each on Troops in His Majesty's Service, or belonging to the Company, who shall have proceeded the whole Voyage and be delivered in India; but not any Allowance to be made for such Women or Children who may accompany them—And in case it should happen that any Military are put on board at St. Helena, or the Cape, the Allowance for Head Money on their landing in India, is then to be at the rate of (5s) five Shillings each.

(107) List of unclaimed Shares of the Rohilla Donation of 1774 recommended to be published in the News Papers.

36. We shall consider of the necessity for publishing this List so far as relates to Claimants who have left India.

37. On reference to the Proceedings advised in Paragraph 73 of your subsequent Letter of 30th October 1797, we observe Interest Charged to the Company on the reserved fifth containing the Claims in question which had been originally made in due time, altho' Payment was not demanded; but as your Treasury was always liable to be called on for payment of such Claims, the charge of Interest upon them is improper and Interest should be charged only on shares not claimed at all within the Periods limited.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 28th April 1797

(Para 1) Mentions the date of the last Despatch.

38. Needs no reply.

(2 to 4) Promotions in consequence of Colonel G. R. Eyres, Lieutenant Colonels J. Cockrell and H. Duncan, and Major C. Maitland being permitted to retire from the Service.

39. You have already been informed in our Letter of the 2d. March last of our Resolution respecting the date of Promotions to be made in consequence of Officers in Europe retiring from the Service, and we, see no reason to alter that Resolution.

(5 to 7) Promotions in the Corps of Engineers, occasioned by the non-arrival of Colonel Markwood.

40. This subject has also been replied to.

(8 to 10) Relative to the Establishment of a Pioneer Corps at Bombay.

41. Already replied to in our Advices to Bombay.

(11) Ensign Patrick Ryan transferred from the Engineers to the Infantry, to rank under all the Ensigns of Infantry who were Cadets of the same Season as himself.

(12) Lieutenant G. Mason permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

(13) Captain V. Dubois Do.

(14) Mr C. Wasmus formerly Head Surgeon at Bencoolen in consequence of being disappointed in procuring a Passage to Europe, permitted to draw his allowances for a limited time.

(14-A) Promotion of Chaplains on the Resignation of the Revd. Thomas Blanshard.

(15) Mr Carr admitted as a Cadet agreeably to the Court's Appointment.

42. Need no reply.

(16 to 18) The following questions submitted to the Court's determination, whether in the event of an Officer on Furlough being promoted during his Absence he shall be entitled to the Pay of the advanced Rank? Whether Officers going to Europe on leave of absence, were to be allowed to retire on the Pay of a superior Rank to which they might be advanced after their departure from India, and before the time at which they might be permitted to retire?

43. On the points submitted to our consideration in these Paragraphs we have to inform you of our having consented that Officers on Furlough promoted during their absence shall receive the Pay of their advanced Rank from the date of their Promotions—and also that Officers on Furlough who may signify their intention of retiring within the period prescribed by the new Regulations, shall when permitted to retire be allowed the Pay of the advanced Rank they may have obtained by promotion during their Absence at the time of their being permitted to retire.

(19) Lieutenant Pennington appointed Deputy Paymaster to the Detachment marched to Hydrabad with 500 Sa. Rs. per Month Salary including Pay and Allowances of his Rank and Sa. Rs. 275 P Month for Office Establishment.

44. As you have stated this Appointment to be necessary we shall not object to it, or the Allowances annexed.

(20 to 26) Advising their having authorized various expenditures on Military Buildings &ca.

45. The various Items of Military Expenditure authorized by you, and mentioned in your several Dispatches, amount annually to a very considerable Sum—Of the necessity of such Expenditures it is impossible for us to form a correct Judgement. We can only therefore express our firm reliance that such Disbursements have not been nor will be authorized by your Government, particularly at the present Expensive Crisis, but under a thorough conviction of their indispensible necessity.

(27) Advising the having authorized the purchase of (50,000) fifty thousand Gallons of Rum for the use of the Military at Bombay to be deliver'd when the former Supply shall have been twelve Months in Store.

46. We commend the precaution observed in this Paragraph.

(28) An addition of (53) fifty three Rupees P Month to the Establishment of the Garrison Storekeeper at Chunar.

47. Needs no reply.

(29 to 32) Artificers and Workmen employed in Fort William formed into a Corps of Pioneers.

48. Already replied to.

(33 to 37) Claim of the Officers of His Majesty's 33d and 78th Regiments for Passage Money.

49. Will be replied to hereafter.

(38) Referring the Claims of the Commanders of the Lord Macartney, Lascelles and Busbridge for Slops furnished the German Recruits in their passage from the Cape.

50. Needs no reply.

(39 & 40) Lieut Colonels Baillie and Scott returned from Europe allowed the Pay of the Rank to which they had been advanced during their absence, only from their arrival in Bengal.

51. We approve of your Resolutions advised in these Paragraphs as being conformable to the directions contained in the 5th Paragraph of our Military Letter of the 27th July 1796.

(41) General Duffs pay continued from the last receipt of it in Europe.

52. A reference to the 8th Paragraph of our Letter above mentioned would have shown the propriety of your resolution advised in this Paragraph.

(42 & 43) Allowance of Rupees (250) two hundred and fifty P. Month to the Quarter Master General of the King's Troops for Office Rent.

53. Need no reply.

(44 to 46) Advising different rates of Pay fixed for the different ranks of Officers and Men in His Majesty's 27th Regiment of Light Dragoons.

54. In fixing the rates of pay for the Cavalry Officers under the new Establishment, it was our intention to be guided by the pay Allowed to Officers of His Majesty's Dragoons, any variations therefore which had taken place (and they appear by your Auditor General's Statement No. 2 to be but trifling) must have arisen from the want of proper informations as to the Arrears paid to the Officers, or the deductions for Poundage, Agency &ca made for those Arrears.

55. We approve of your Resolution relative to the Pay to His Majesty's Dragoons as advised in these Paragraphs.

(47 & 48) Hospital Stables to be erected for the use of the Stud and Stables for one hundred Foals and Mr Milner appointed Farrier to the Studd.

56. We approve of your determination upon the points noticed in these Paragraphs.

(49) Company's Allowances to His Majesty's 27th Regiment Dragoons 33d and 78th Regiments of Foot given to such parts of these

Corps as were employed at the other Presidencies from the date of their arrival at the first Port in India.

(50) The request of the Officers of the Southern Detachment under the command of Major General Erskine for an augmentation of their allowances not complied with.

(51) Invalids embarked on the Thomas, transferred to the Extra Ship Ranger.

57. Need no Reply.

(52) Transmitting a Statement shewing the estimated excess of expense of the new Military Arrangements at the Presidency of Madras.

(53) Ten additional Doolies allowed for the 4th and 10th Native Regiments part of Major General Erskine's Detachment, until they should be fixed in some settled Camp or Cantonment.

58. We approve of your determination on the points mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(54) Advising that Ensign Wilson of the Engineers, who was proceeding to Europe for the recovery of his health on the Favorite which was Captured by the French, had rejoined his Corps, and was considered during his absence, in respect to Allowances, as an Officer absent at Sea by permission for the recovery of his health.

(55) Transmitting a List of Promotions.

59. Need no reply.

(56) Enclosing Certificates of Pay to Officers who have had permission to proceed to England.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 28th August 1797

(Para 1 & 2) Forwarding Proceedings.

60. Need no reply.

(3 to 6) In answer to that part of the Court's Letter of the 5th August

61. Notwithstanding what is stated in the 6th Paragraph we are

1796 relative to the Commissary of Stores being appointed the Agent for the provision of Gun Carriages.

of opinion that the Commissary of Stores being the Agent for the provision of Gun Carriages is totally incompatible with the principles of existing regulations.

(7 to 15) In answer to the remaining part of the Court's Letter of the 5th August 1796.

62. Need no reply.

(16 to 19) Supply of Rum to Madras.

63. In your subsequent Dispatch of the 30th October 1797 we are advised of the conclusion of the Contract for supplying our Madras Presidency with 110,000 Gallons of Rum for the use of the Military. It is stipulated in your Proposals for contract that the spirits shall be at least *four Months from the still* when Shipped; but you have advised us that with a view to keep the Presidency of Bombay supplied with a sufficient stock of old Rum for the use of the Military at that settlement you had authorized the purchase of the further quantity of 50,000 Gallons deliverable when the former supply shall have been *twelve months in Store.* A regard to the health of the Madras Soldiery induces us to recommend a similar measure in respect to the annual Supplies of Rum to that Presidency.

(20 to 23) Lieutenant Carruthers of the Madras Establishment permitted to proceed to Europe for his health.

64. Need no reply.

(24 & 25) Relative to Passage Money to Subalterns and Assistant Surgeons returning to Europe for their health.

65. On this subject we refer to our Separate Letter of the 6th June 1798.

(26) Transmitting Memorial from the Lieutenants who were Cadets of 1782 soliciting Promotion to the Rank of Brevet Captains with the Commander in Chief's Minute on the subject.

66. In consideration of the peculiar circumstances set forth in the several Memorials from the Cadets of 1782, we have notwithstanding our Orders on the subject of the 5th June last, agreed to comply with

their request and to admit of their being promoted to Captains by Brevet from the 8th January 1798 —We have fixed on this period as being fully within fifteen Years vice, few of the Cadets though called of 1782 having been appointed before 1783—on this principle the promotion of the Cadets of 1781 to Captains by Brevet from 8th January 1796 has been premature, we do not however mean to direct any alteration in such promotion.

(27 & 28) Advising Resolutions for discontinuing on the Strength of Corps Officers who had been more than two Years in England.

67. In our Letter of the 14th March 1798 we gave you directions applicable to the Subject here treated of.

(29 & 30) Officers stationed at the new Cavalry Cantonment at Monea on the suggestions of the Commander in Chief allowed full Batta instead of Half Batta, and House Rent until Quarters are built for them.

68. For the reasons assigned in the Commander in Chief's Minute, we shall not object to this Allowance considering it only as a temporary measure; and that it is not to form a precedent for permanently granting full Batta at Stations where half Batta only is in general allowed.

(32)* On re-consideration of the Claim of Major General Popham[2] to Field Tent Money during his late movement to the Field Station. the former resolution of the 8th May rescinded and his Claim allowed.

69. The reasons you have assigned for an alteration in Opinion respecting the Allowances in question appear satisfactory.

70. The perusal of your Proceedings on this subject has led to the examination of the grounds on which in December 1796 you allowed the General Officers commanding at Cawnpore and Futty Ghur to draw the extra Tent Allowance of (600) six hundred Sonat Rupees P Month assigned by our Separate Letter of 8th January 1796 to General Officers on the Staff *when on Actual Service in the Field during War.*

71. On a perusal of the Military Auditor General's Letter justifying his Retrenchment of the Allowance in question from Major General Jones[3], and of your Minute thereon, it is clearly admitted that Futty Ghur is a peaceable Cantonment, and cannot therefore by any construction be considered as a Station analogus to that of *actual Service in the Field during War* nor is your Resolution for granting the extra Tent Allowance founded on a construction

*Para 31 missing.

of this nature, but it is expressed to be in consideration of the General Officers on the Staffin Command at Cawnpore and Futty Ghur not being furnished with Quarters.

72. This plea might have justified the extending to those Officers the usual Allowance for House Rent to Field Officers, which is Rupees (120) one hundred and twenty per Month, or if the nature of the case was thought to require it some small addition to this Sum, but it is by no means sufficient to sanction so large an Allowance as the difference between the Peace and War Allowance for Camp Equipage &ca by the new Regulations vizt. Sicca Rupees (600) six hundred P Month, which must therefore be reduced from the receipt of these Orders.

(33 to 38) *Minute of the Commander in Chief, and Proceedings in consequence, on the nomination of General Officers on the Staff Allowances to those temporarily appointed to cease from the 1st of July 1797, and their Aides de Camp to be struck off from the same period. —Option allowed them to return to Europe or remain in India—Full Batta granted them in addition to their pay and Off reckonings.*

73. The Minute of the Commander in Chief assigning his reasons for declining to recommend the Generals on the Staff, evinces a Commendable delicacy in that respect, and has therefore met with our approbation.

74. We are fully sensible of the propriety of the Arguments of our late Governor General on this subject and as by our Orders of the 8th January 1796, the actual Appointment of General Officers on the Staff was vested in our Governments abroad, and we see no reason to believe that you were actuated by any other motives than such as you conceived to be really consistent with the good of the Service, in the Selection you made of such Officers for the Bengal establishment we have no hesitation in signifying our approbation thereof.

75. For the reasons now stated, on an Application made to us by Major General Jones to be continued on the Staff during his residence in Bengal and to be reappointed thereto on his return, we have declined a compliance with his request; in submitting to us this Claim General Jones has complained of a Retrenchment made of the Boat allowance which he drew on returning to the Presidency after delivering over the Command at Futty Ghur to General Rawstone. Your Auditor General has stated this Retrenchment to have been made "because General Jones received no Orders to proceed to the Presidency and the Regulations allow Boat Money only to Officers who go by water on the Public Service."

76. But as General Jones left his Command at Futty Ghur in consequence of your Appointment of General Rawstone his Junior to that Station, and by your Resolution of 5th June 1797, it is said to be incompatible with the

Rank of General Officers not on the Staff, to perform Regimental Duties with their Corps, it appears to us he was virtually removed by the effect of these Orders, and we therefore direct that the Retrenchment of his Boat Allowance be remitted.

77. We approve of your Orders for striking off the Staff Allowances drawn by Major Generals Briscoe, Fullarton, Forbes, Jones and Popham from the 1st July 1797 and for discontinuing the appointments of their Aides de Camp from the same period.

78. With respect to your observation in the 37th Paragraph to which we have above alluded, we conceive that when the Generals on the Staff who Commanded at Stations where the Regiments of General Officer not on the Staff are posted, are Seniors in the Service to such Officers there would be no impropriety in the latter's exercising the Regimental Duties; when it is otherwise the objection certainly Applies—We do not however by this observation mean to disapprove of the Option granted to General Officers not on the Staff, of returning to Europe or residing in the Country.

(39) Brigade Majors appointed to Stations—Those serving with His Majesty's General Officers to be considered as Staff to His Majesty's Troops.

79. These Appointments being Conformable to the Regulations have our Approbation.

(40) General Officers on the Staff appointed to command at Stations.

80. Requires no Answer.

(41 & 42) Separation of the Cavalry Corps from the Infantry carried into Effect and rules for Promotion therein.

81. You will of course have found it necessary to revise these Regulations on receipt of our Separate Military Letter of the 6th June 1798, in order to introduce the additional Field Officers of Cavalry directed by that Letter with their proper Rank and Standing in the Service prior to the commencement of the Operation of Regimental Promotion.

82. After this has been effected we see no objection to the adoption of your Resolution respecting the admission in future of Officers into this Corps —but as we shall hereafter appoint Cadets specifically for the Cavalry, there will be few occasions for the operation of this Regulation as transfers from other Corps to the Cavalry will not be required.

(43 to 45) Appointment of Cavalry Officers with restrictions in some instances until their Seniors in the Infantry are promoted.

83. We see no objection to these Resolutions.

(46) Form of drawing Pay &ca, for Officers on leave of absence to the other Presidencies or to the Cape

(47) At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief the Adjutant of the Marine Battalion on account of the largeness and dispersed situation of the Corps converted into Adjutant and Quarter Master with the usual Allowances.

(48 to 59) Transmitting an address from Major General Stuart appealing against decisions of the Government rejecting his Claims to certain Allowances as full Colonel from 1st March 1794 to 1st June 1796, whereas he was only a Brevet Colonel for the time—Reasons at large for disallowing the Claim—Doubt not their explanations will satisfy the Court that their rejection was consistent with the Rules of the Service.

84. We have attentively considered the claims preferred by Major General Robert Stuart in his application to you, and subsequent Address to us to additional Allowances from the date of his Brevet Promotion as Colonel, and also for the Allowances attached to General Officers on the Staff from the 1st June 1796. The reasons you have stated for the rejection of these Claims are so clear and satisfactory that we have no hesitation in giving our decided approbation to your Resolution.

(60) Adjutants of King's Regiments ordered to have the additional allowance of one hundred Rupees P Month granted to Adjutants of the Company's European Infantry as advised the 31st December 1796.

85. You have already been informed by our Military Letter of the 23rd May 1798 Paragraph 79, of our disapprobation of the allowance of (100) one hundred Rupees P Month, to the Adjutants of the King's Regiments, that which has been stated to justify this allowance is by no means satisfactory. It will be recollected that this allowance to the Adjutants of our European Regiments was not a permanent Allowance but was granted only to the Officers holding those Staff appointments at the time the new Regulations took effect whose Emoluments were reduced by the New System of dividing the Off Reckonings directed by those Regulations, and

of course on subsequent Appointments to be discontinued.

(61) On a similar Application from the Adjutants of the Battalions of Artillery—as their present staff Allowances appeared inadequate to the Duties of their Stations, the additional Allowance of one hundred Rupees per month extended to them.

86. In this paragraph an apparently better reason has been assigned by you for extending the Allowance of (100) one hundred rupees P Month to the Adjutants of Artillery Vizt. "Their present Staff Allowances not being adequate to their Duties." But we observe that the Application for this addition is not founded on any plea of this nature, either by the Officers holding those Stations, or the Commandant of the Corps—neither can we find anything to justify this plea in the state of the Battalions, which, at the time of granting this Additional Allowance had undergone no increase in number—this additional Allowance to the Adjutants cannot therefore have our Sanction.

87. But as by our Orders of the 6th June last both the European and Artillery Corps will be augmented, we shall not object to a moderate addition being made to the Allowances of the Adjutants of those Corps, if on full consideration of the Duties of their Stations you shall think the same absolutely necessary in which case the like increase may be made to the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments.

(62) Colonels appointed to the temporary commands of Regiments of Infantry and Battalions of Artillery on the 30th May 1796 confirmed in those Commands.

88. We see no objection to this measure.

(63 to 65) Appointments of Generals Briscoe and Fullarton to Command at Monghyr and Buxar.

89. Replied to in Separate Letter of the 6th June 1798.

(66) Duty of examining Passengers by the Commandant at Buxar who had Rupees two hundred and fifty P Month transferred to the Fort Adjutant there with one hundred and fifty Rupees P Month.

90. If you are of Opinion that this Duty requires the Allowance of (150) one hundred and fifty Rupees a Month we shall not object to it.

(67 & 68) Command of the European and Native Invalids by the Officer commanding at Monghyr separated.

91. These being subjects of interior detail must of course be left to your discretion.

(69) In consequence of the above the Post of Adjutant of Invalids at Monghyr abolished and Fort Adjutant there established with the same Allowances.

(70) Captain Richardson appointed Paymaster of that proportion of the Pay of the Marine Battalion which they had appropriated for the subsistence of their Families during their absence on the intended Expedition.

92. As the proposed Expedition was laid aside this Appointment was of course rescinded.

(71) Mentions the Commander in Chief having proceeded on a visit to the upper Stations of the Army.

93. Needs no reply.

(72 & 73) Horse Artillery.

94. We may expect shortly to be advised of the result of the experiment of the Horse Artillery on the Plan proposed by Major General St. Leger, referred to in the 137th Paragraph of our Letter of the 27th July 1796.

(74) Advising that at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, Ensign Henry Dundas Boyle has been transferred to the Artillery.

95. Needs no reply.

(75 to 77) Memorial of Lieutenant Berkeley of the Invalids praying to be restored to the Effective Establishment of the Army.

96. We have considered the memorial of Lieutenant L. N. Berkeley of the Invalids, referred to in these Paragraphs, praying to be restored to the Effective Establishment of your regular Corps of Infantry and have resolved not to comply therewith.

(78 to 80) Advising some arrangements respecting the Southern Detachment, in consequence of its being divided.

97. Need no Reply.

(81 to 91) Advising several appointments.

(92) Contains the Names of several Officers and Assistant Surgeons permitted to proceed to Europe and to the Cape for their health.

(93 to 95) Relative to the request of Captain Lieutt John Topping of the Artillery to retire from the Service on the Pay of Commissary which is that of Captain.

98. On general principles it is impossible for us to admit of Officers retiring from the Service on the Pay of any staff Appointment they may hold where such pay is superior to that of their Regimental Rank even if they had served the time prescribed by the Regulations of 8th January 1796, which in the instance before us is not the case. We shall hereafter consider your recommendation for allowing Captain Topping to retire on the full Pay of his Regimental Rank as stated on your Proceedings of 8th May 1797 without waiting the period of Service prescribed by the Regulations.

(96) Relative to the non-attendance of the Senior Officer at the Presidency at the Military Board.

99. For the reasons assigned in the Minute of the late Governor General of the 9th June 1797, we approve of the principle of the Arrangement which directs that during the absence of the Commander in Chief, the Senior Officer at the Presidency should act as Vice President of the Military Board.

(97 to 112) Advising the having authorized various Military Expenditures.

100. Already replied to.

(113) Transmitting an account of Stores supplied the ship Pitt.

101. Needs no Reply.

(114 to 116) Advising the having authorized several Military Expenditures.

102. Already replied to.

(117 to 120) Depot of Provisions.

103. For the reasons you have assigned, we approve of your having authorized the continuance of the Bandel Farm for the rearing of Cattle. We likewise approve of the Contracts you have entered into for

the supply of Salt Provisions, as advised in these Paragraphs, and in the 44th paragraph of your subsequent Dispatch of 30th October 1797 in answer to the latter part of which we must observe that we have no present intention of sending any Salt Provisions out to India.

(121 & 122) Advising the having authorized several Military Expenditures.

104. Already replied to.

(123 & 124) Recommending it to the Court to furnish Saddles and Bridles for the Cavalry according to the Indent formerly transmitted.

105. We have deferred the consideration of this Indent for the present as the number Indented for would occupy a more considerable Quantity of Tonnage than the Tonnage engaged for the exports of this Season will admit of.

(125) Forwarding an Account of Gun Powder supplied the Lord Macartney.

106. Need no reply.

(126) Advising the having authorized the raising the walls in Fort William.

(127) Some of the Public Buildings at Dinapore to be repaired. The late Contractors Messrs Lambert & Ross, to be called upon to defray the Expense.

107. We very much approve of your determination to call upon the late Contractors to defray the expense of these Repairs. And as there is too much reason to believe that the Company has sustained losses to a considerable amount, by the negligence of Contractors, particularly such as engage for the erection and repair of Public Works and Buildings, We direct that you make it an invariable rule to exact the Penalties in every case of failure on their parts. Indeed you will do well to extend this rule to every branch of the Service, and make the Securities answerable for any misconduct or deficiency of the Parties for whom they may have become bound to the Company.

(128 & 129) Regulations of the 5th December 1796 by which Deputy Commissaries who had served the time prescribed were allowed to retire on their full Pay, extended to Conductors of Ordnance—and Conductor Harcourt allowed to retire on the full pay of his rank—Vizt. Rupees (50) fifty P Month.

108. In our Separate Letter above referred to, you have been informed of our reasons for withholding our consent to your Resolution here noticed. Mr. Harcourt has not hitherto appeared to claim the Indulgence granted to him—when he applies we shall consider of what is proper to be done in consequence of the permission you gave him.

(130 to 133) Advising the having authorized several Military Expenditures.

109. Already replied to.

(134) Transmitting a return of Arms and Papers relative thereto.

(135) Transmitting Letter and Proceedings of the Military Board.

110. Need no reply.

(136 to 139) Advising their having authorized several Military Expenditures.

111. Already replied to.

(140) Transmitting Proceedings of the Board of Inspection.

(141 & 142) Passage Money allowed to Captain Lieutenant Robert Bowie, proceeding to Europe on account of sickness.

112. Need no Reply.

(143 to 149) Relative to some deficiencies in the amount of Stoppages &ca.

113. We see no reason to object to your Proceedings advised in these Paragraphs. The subject of Allowances to your Medical Board and Head Surgeons will be hereafter taken into consideration.

(150 to 152) Orphan School—Court of Directors requested to revoke the Order restricting the Allowance of three Rupees P Month to such Children only of the lower school as are really Orphans.

114. In consequence of the representation from the managers of the Orphan Society, and of your earnest recommendation, we have consented that our restrictive Orders of the 5th August 1796, respecting the Orphan Society shall for the present, be dispensed with. You will continue to transmit to us annually a List of the Children who may be in the receipt of the Company's bounty, distinguishing such as are Orphans, with the total

amount of the Company's subscription.

(153 to 159) Advising claims on account the 78th Regiment for Passage Money 1/2d a day to each Man in lieu of Poundage—Additional Pay to Subalterns.

115. We approve of your Resolutions on the several points noticed.

(160 to 162) Respecting the period at which Officers promoted in consequence of those in Europe who retire shall receive the increased Allowances.

116. You have been advised of our determination on this Subject.

(163 to 168) Applications from the Commanding Officers of the 33rd and 78th Regiments to be paid the stoppages from the Men for Sea Provisions during their Voyage out, and for sundry Articles of Refreshments purchased by them for the Sick on their Passage.

117. As the Company paid the full Charterparty Allowance for these Regiments any Stoppages to be made from the Men under the practice which obtains in His Majesty's Service should be brought to the Credit of the Company. We do not however disapprove of the orders you issued for repaying to the Men the stoppages that had been made, nor of your having discharged the Bills of the Commanding Officers of the 33d and 78th Regiments for Refreshments purchased by them for the use of their Sick on the Voyage.

(169 to 173) On the Claim of Colonel Wesley for Table Allowance as Commanding the 33rd Regiment.

118. You are already in possession of our Orders as to the Allowances in question.

(174) Forwarding Report of Bills passed for the Diet &ca of His Majesty's Regiments and of Recruits by the different Ships.

119. Will be attended to.

(175) Transmitting a Bill for slops supplied the German recruits on board the Phoenix.

120. Needs no Reply.

(176) Transmitting Report of Audits of Military Accounts.

121. We agree with you in Opinion that the reasons assigned for the apparent difference of time in the present and former Audits are satisfactory.

(177) Advising their having instituted a suit against the securities of the late Mr Smith Deputy Paymaster for the recovery of a deficiency of (28506) twenty eight thousand five hundred and six Rupees.

122. In your subsequent Dispatch of the 13th of March 1798 we are informed of the Arrangement you have made with Major Carnegie, one of Mr Smiths Securities, for the payment of a moiety of the Sum due to the Company by the latter And agreeably to your Request we shall cause application to be made to Major William Rattray the other Security, for the payment of the remainder.

(178 & 179) The Military Paymaster General not allowed to incur any fixed permanent extra Charge for Writers in his Office, but authorized to incur an Expense of Rupees (700) seven hundred for Sundry new Paper Presses for depositing the Records of his Office.

123. We very much commend your attention to economy in not allowing the Military Paymaster General to incur any fixed permanent extra Charge for Writers in his Office, an attention which we trust will be equally extended to every Department under your Government.

(180) Transmitting Certificates of Pay &ca of Officers gone to Europe.

124. Needs no reply.

(181 to 183) Increase of Salary to the Paymaster of the Company's Allowance to the King's Troops.

125. For the reasons you have assigned, we approve of the additional Salary to the Paymaster of the Company's Allowance to the King's Troops.

(184) Advising their having recalled Captain Owen from the recruiting Service at the Cape of Good Hope.

126. Needs no reply.

(185 & 186) Relative to the return of Brevet Captain D'Esterre upon Furlough.

127. We approve of your having declined complying with Captain D'Esterre's Request for the reasons alledged.

(187) General Morgan[4] permitted to draw his Field Allowances also (2,000) two thousand Rupees Per Month under the New Regulations from the time General Abercromby delivered over the Command of the Army until General Clarke's appointment as Com-

128. This being conformable to the new Regulations has our approbation.

mander in Chief was issued in Orders.

(188) On the Opinion of the Advocate General, the order respecting the Prosecution against the Securities of the late Mr Freeman, under his Cloathing Contract, rescinded.

129. You appear to be perfectly justified in following the Opinion of the Advocate General upon the case stated in this Paragraph.

(189) The two Sons of the late Major Hodgson recommended to be appointed Cadets when they shall have attained the proper Age.

130. Any application that may be made to the Court of Directors in favor of the Sons of the late Major Hodgson, when they shall have attained the proper Age to be appointed Cadets, will of course be taken into consideration. At the same time we think it necessary to direct that similar Requests be not transmitted to us until the Parties shall have arrived at the Age prescribed by the Act of Parliament.

(190 to 194) Agriculture.

131. We have perused the Proceedings to which you have referred us, and approve of your Resolutions on Mr Mallets Proposals for the improvement of Agriculture. You will of course acquaint us with the result of the several Experiments.

(195 to 200) Referring to the Claims of several Surgeons of the Company's Ships, for Medicines furnished the Sick of His Majesty's 33rd Regiment, complaining of the reprehensible manner in which those Claims were preferred : and urging the Court to dismiss them the Service.

132. We have attended to your representation in these Paragraphs, relative to the Conduct of the Surgeons of the several Ships alluded to therein, in demanding, in very disrespectful terms, Head Money for attending the King's Troops, who were sent on board their Ships on a Secret Expedition, and desiring to resign the Service if the same was not complied with; and having maturely considered all the Papers and Correspondence which have passed on the Subject, and as their Conduct, and the style of their Correspondence is highly reprehensible and tending to the Subversion

of due Subordination, we have resolved that Walter Borlase, Surgeon of the Lord Camden, John Craig, Surgeon of the General Goddard, and Midford George Leroux, Surgeon of the Sir Stephen Lushington be dismissed the Company's Service.

(201) Transmitting a Long Roll of the Army.

133. Need no Reply.

(202) Transmitting a List of the Children of the Orphan Society.

(203) Requesting that a Brevet Commission from the War Office may be obtained for Major John Haynes.

134. As Major Haynes is included in the Brevet Promotions of Lieutenant Colonels made by His Majesty from the 1st of January 1798, it does not seem necessary to apply for a renewal of his Major's Brevet Commission.

(204) Pension to the Widow of the late Lieutenant Patrick Green to be in future paid in India.

135. Need no reply.

(205) Advising the recovery of the Sum due from Mr Peirce on account of his Elephant Contract.

(206 & 207) Several Invalids embarked on the Zephyr.

(208 to 210) Request of Mr. A. Munro late a Lieutenant to be restored to the Service.

136. We have considered the Request of Mr A. Munro formerly a Lieutenant in our Army upon your Establishment to be restored to the Service, and have resolved not to comply therewith.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
Dated the 18th September 1797

(Para 1 to 8) Relative to the Claim of Mr McNaughton to the Deputy Paymaster Ship of the King's Troops.

137. Already replied to.

(9) Forwarding an Indent for Ordnance and Military Stores.

138. This Indent has not yet been received; but we have given directions to complete your Indent for Military Stores dated 23d December 1796, and with regard to

Muskets we have forwarded by the Ships of last Season the Quantity deficient and by the Ships of this Season the following articles of Small Arms Vizt.

Fuzees—3000
Carbines—3000
Pistols—4500 Prs. [Pairs]

(10) Repeating recommendation that Europe Saddles may be sent for the Cavalry.

139. Already replied to.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department dated 30th October 1797

(Para. 1) Forwarding Copies of former Dispatches.

140. Need no reply.

(2) Acknowledging the receipt of the Court's Dispatches.

(3 to 5) Commission to the Garrison Storekeeper.

141. In the revision of the various branches of Expenditure under your Presidency, which we have been advised by an Overland Dispatch from the Earl of Mornington was about to take place, for the purpose of ascertaining what reductions it may be expedient to make therein, the rate of the Commission to the Garrison Storekeeper will naturally fall under your cognizance; and we make no doubt that if the same shall appear to exceed the bounds of a proper economy, after allowing a liberal consideration to the Storekeeper for the due and faithful discharge of the Trust reposed in him, it will be fixed at a more moderate Percentage.

(6 to 11) In answer to the Court's Letter of the 20th January 1797.

142. Need no reply.

(12) In answer to the Court's Letter of the 1st March 1797.

(13) Relative to the Appointment of Military Auditor General.

143. You will have observed by the 4th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 23d May 1798 that

Captain Robinson was to be appointed to the Office of Military Auditor General immediately upon his arrival in Bengal.

(14 to 18) Answer to the Court's Letter of the 1st of March 1797 concluded.

144. Need no reply.

(19 & 20) Relative to the request of the Madras Government that a body of six hundred Lascars might be raised in Bengal for the Service of that Presidency, but that in consequence of the relinquishment of the Expedition against the Phillippines, Orders were issued for the raising only three hundred until further advices from that Government.

(21) Some materials for the Powder Works at Fort St. George ordered to be sent thither.

(22) Rum Contract for Fort St. George.

145. Already replied to.

(23 to 26) A temporary building to be erected for the 27th Regiment Dragoons at Cawnpore, and a regular Cantonment to be traced out at that Station. Permanent Cantonments for a large body of Cavalry between Chunar and Mongheer in contemplation.

146. Need no reply.

(27 & 28) Relative to His Majesty's Orders for Drafting and sending to Europe the 36th, 71st, 52d and 72d Regiments.

(29 to 31) One hundred Men to be added to each of the Battalions of the 20th Regiment of Native Infantry now at the Presidency and two additional Regiments to be raised.

147. The subject of this Augmentation will be considered in the Political Department, it being connected with the final arrangement which has been concluded with the Nabob of Oude.

(32) Relative to the admission of Mr Francis Walter as a Cadet.

148. We approve of your Proceedings herein.

(33) Advising the Appointment

149. Needs no reply.

of Mr. Charles Cornish as Agent for Cloathing the Sibendy Corps.

(34 & 35) Dismission of Mr. Robert Grant from the Office of Field Paymaster at Futty Ghur.

150. We have perused the Papers and Proceedings to which you have referred us relative to the Conduct of Mr Robert Grant, late Field Paymaster at Futty Ghur, and for the reasons assigned on the Minute of the late Governor General, entered on your Consultations of 8th September 1797 approve of your Resolution for dismissing him from that Office. We must at the same time signify our acquiescence in the propriety of your subsequent Observations on Mr Grant's Letter in explanation of his conduct. We direct that you acquaint us whether Mr Grant has satisfactorily accounted for the Balance which was remaining in his hands at the time of his removal. Great irregularity appears upon the Proceedings as to the issue of Money whilst he was in Office, particularly in Advances to Individuals not warranted by the Regulations. As it is absolutely necessary that the several checks which have been established relative to the disbursement of the Public Money, particularly in the Military Department, should be strictly observed, we must enjoin a continuance of your constant attention to the subject.

(36 to 38) Advising several Appointments.

151. Need no reply.

(39) Advising the resignation of Ensign William Wade.

(40) Captain Fraser permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

(41) Enclosing List of removals and Appointments.

(42) Several additions and Repairs to be made to the Barracks at Barrampore.

152. Already replied to.

(43) Barracks at Cawnpore to be enlarged.

(44) Supply of Salt Provisions.

(45 to 51) Advising the having authorized several Military Expenditures.

153. The remark in the preceding Paragraph is applicable to these and similar Articles of Military Expenditure.

(52 & 53) Cavalry Cantonments.

154. Already replied to.

(54 to 57) Further Military Expenditures authorized.

(58 to 61) Board of Superintendence.

155. We are much pleased at your Report of the successful progress of this Institution, and that the Zeal and Assiduity of the Superintendant and the Board have merited your Approbation—But at the same time that we express our firm reliance on the continuance of the Zeal and Assiduity of the Board in the discharge of its duties, we must call for your utmost attention to economy in this and every other branch of the Service.

(62 to 64) Requesting an adjustment of the Rank of two Cadets of the same Name Vizt. John Graham.

156. In answer to this paragraph we have to inform you that Mr Graham who proceeded on the Melville Castle is to rank senior to Mr Graham who proceeded on the General Goddard.

(65 & 66) Stating that the name of John Slessor had been inserted in the List of Cadets of the Season 1793 but that no such Gentleman had yet arrived, that a Mr William Slessor had arrived in October 1795 and produced a Certificate dated the 27th March 1795 without expressing the Season for which he was appointed a Cadet, that the Name of William Slessor not appearing on the Lists of 1793, 4 & 5 they Resolved that Mr William Slessor should remain in

157. By an Error in Copying the List of Rank of Cadets for the Season 1793 the Name of John Slessor was inserted in the room of William Slessor. Mr. Slessor proceeded on the Ship Francis and is to take Rank the next after Mr Richard Clarke and the next before Mr John Morse Cadets on your Establishment of the Season 1793.

the Rank of Ensign without any specific date till the pleasure of the Court should be known.

(67 to 69) Extra Allowances to General Craig in consequence of his Appointment to the Command of the intended Expedition to Manilla.

158. Under the circumstances which you have stated, we approve of the Allowances to Major General Craig in consequence of his being appointed to the Command of the intended Expedition against Manilla.

(70) Some Artillery Invalids Detached from Chunar to do duty at Serole, allowed the full Batta of Provisions whilst on Duty out of Garrison. The same rule to be observed in all similar Cases.

159. We acquiesce in the equitableness of your determination upon the point mentioned in this Paragraph.

(71 & 72) Transmitting a representation from Ensign H. Huthwaite on the Subject of a supposed Error with respect to his rank.

160. We have to observe that Mr Huthwaite was appointed a Cadet on your Establishment on the 10th February 1796 for the Season 1795.

(73 & 74) Claims for the Rohilla Donation.

161. Already replied to.

(75 & 76) On the Subject of Lieut. Colonel Black's Allowances.

162. The Construction given by our late Governor General to the Orders of the 8th January 1796 on this Subject is perfectly correct —the Allowance fixed for the Senior Officer of Cavalry—not a Colonel—supposed the possibility of such an Officer being appointed Commandant of the Corps when completely established and not until then was it our intention to grant this allowance, or that to the Commandant when a Colonel should be appointed to that Station; the retrenchment against Lieutenant Colonel Black was therefore consistent with the Spirit of our Orders.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
dated 22nd December 1797

(Paras 1 to 6) In answer to the Court's Letter of the 19th April 1797.

163. Need no reply.

(7) Mentions the date of the last Dispatch.

(8 to 11) Advising some Alterations which appeared necessary in the Allowances to His Majesty's Troops serving in India in consequence of Regulations adopted in England.

164. As the alterations in the Allowances here referred to appear to correspond with the Regulations authorized by His Majesty, they of course have our approbation—We shall apply to the War Office for authentic Copies of all Regulations that may in future be published affecting the King's Troops serving in India.

(12 & 13) Recommending that the necessary Measures may be taken for obtaining the authority of His Majesty for the Commander in Chief in India to confer rank in the King's Army in India upon the Company's Officers &ca.

165. The suggestion in these Paragraphs will be attended to.

(14) Mentions the Embarkation for Madras on the Lord Macartney & Lord Hawkesbury of the 268 Lascars entertained for Service upon the Coast.

166. Needs no reply.

(15) Advising in consequence of a Minute of the Commander in Chief the determinations relative to the Command of the Cavalry Corps by the Senior Officer in Absence of the Commandant and to the Competency of the Colonel Commandant when Major General to perform the Duties of his Corps when mixed with other Troops.

167. While the Commandant of Cavalry is in India we do not see the least necessity for investing the next Senior Officer of that Corps with the General Controul and management thereof, nor does the Appointment of the Colonel Commandant to be a General Officer on the Staff at all interfere as we conceive with his Duties as Commandant of that Corps—it was foreseen in forming the new Arrangement that such Appointment might take place, and therefore Provision was made for an Allowance to the Officer in the Command of the Cavalry who might not be so appointed—it seemed also probable at the time of forming that Arrangement that the Command of the Cavalry might be given to an Officer of Inferior Rank

to a Colonel, in which case the Allowance of (4000) four thousand Rupees Per Annum was directed to be annexed to the Appointment—Your decision therefore on the 20th November 1797 on Lieutenant Colonel Black's Claim for the Command in consequence of General Rawstornes Nomination on the Staff was proper, as being consistent with our intentions.

168. In regard to the absence of the Colonel Commandant in Europe as the Commander in Chief has given his decided Opinion both as to Establishments at Bengal and Madras, that the investing the Senior Officer during such absence with the temporary Command of the Corps would be improper, the deference we wish to shew to his Opinions on matters of Military detail leads us to assent thereto; but as by our Orders of the 5th of June last, an Augmentation of Field Officers for the Cavalry has been authorized, we are desirous to learn if this has occasioned any alteration in his Opinion on the Subject.

169. With respect to the second point stated in this Paragraph we have before observed if the Commandant of Cavalry being a Major General not on the Staff, serves at a Station where the General Officer on the Staff is his Senior, it does not occur to us that there is any objection to his continuing to discharge the Duties of Commandant of that Corps, although other Troops may be mixed with them—And the same reasoning appears to us applicable to the Situation of Major Generals not on the Staff who are Colonels of Infantry or Battalions of Artillery—but this is also a Subject which we shall leave to the Commander in Chief's decision.

(16) Establishment authorized for the Quartermaster of a Regiment of European Dragoons.

170. We presume that you were fully sensible of the necessity of this Establishment, and that it was conformable to the usual practice of the Service, we see no reason therefore to object to it.

(17) Mentions the having received Representations from Major Generals Popham and Jones in consequence of their not having been selected for the Staff.

171. We approve of the Answer which was given to the Representations of Major Generals Popham and Jones in consequence of their not having been selected for the Staff.

(18 & 19) Advising that at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief several Detachments here

172. Need no reply.

enumerated have been ordered to be held in readiness for embarkation.

(20) Advising that Major Genl. Erskine has been directed to proceed to Chunar to assume the Command at that Station.

(21 to 27) Advising several Removals and Appointments.

(28) Ensign Newnham permitted to resign the Service.

(29) Contains a List of Officers and Surgeons who have been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

(30 & 31) In recommendation of Mr Surgeon Balfour proceeding to Europe, that he may be admitted to the Pension Establishment for the Hospital Board should his Health, or other circumstances prevent his returning to India.

173. As Mr Balfour has not served as a Member of the Medical Board the time prescribed by the New Regulations even including the period between his removal from a Seat there in consequence of those Regulations and his Resignation, we have not thought proper to allow him to retire on the Pension established for Members of that Board, but he has been permitted to retire on that of Head Surgeon.

(32 to 35) Mention the return to Europe of several Officers and a Surgeon.

174. Need no reply.

(36 to 42) Advising several Military Expenditures.

175. Already replied to.

(43) Transmitting a Statement of the Small Arms and accoutrements for the Infantry and Artillery remaining—and pressing a compliance as early as may be practicable with the repeated Solicitations for a full supply of Musquetry and Small Arms for the use of the Army.

176. We have completed your Indent of the 23d December 1796 in these as well as other particulars.

(44 & 45) Advising several Military Expenditures.

177. Already replied to.

(46) Mr John Lumsdaine appointed to act as Assistant Surgeon at Fort Marlborough.

178. For the reasons assigned in this Paragraph we approve of the Appointment of Mr John Lumsdaine to Act as Assistant Surgeon at Fort Marlborough whilst his Services may be necessary.

(47) Referring to an Application from the Surgeons attached to Native Regiments, soliciting an alteration in the present mode of managing the Sepoy Hospitals upon which it was resolved that no alteration should be made.

179. Needs no reply.

(48) Advising the appointment of Mr William Tutin to do Duty at Dacca as an Assistant Surgeon, until by the Arrival of more Assistant Surgeons his Services can be dispensed with.

180. Replied to in our Letter in the Military Department of the 17th April last.

(49) Transmitting the Military Auditor General's Statement of Bills which have been passed by him for six Months Pay in advance to Officers gone to Europe.

181. Needs no reply.

(50 & 51) Compensation to the Troops in lieu of Cloathing.

182. We approve of your Resolutions on the Subject mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(52) Advising that no Fees are to be charged on the Brevet Commissions issued to the Company's Officers, on the full rates being paid on the Commissions signed by His Majesty.

183. We very much commend your attention to the Company's Officers in the instance mentioned in this paragraph.

(53 & 54) The widow of the late Captain William Preston recommended for a Pension from the Military Fund.

184. Need no reply.

(55) The Families of the Men of the Marine Battalion lately detached to Prince of Wales Island allowed a Passage thither.

185. This appears to have been a very reasonable indulgence.

(56) Forwarding a List of Promotions.

186. Needs no reply.

187. Since writing the preceding Paragraphs we have received your Dispatches in this Department by the Eurydice, to which we shall reply hereafter.

188. Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Sir John Kennaway Bart. has resigned the Company's Service.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Step. Lushington/Hugh Inglis/G. W. Thellusson/Thos. T. Metcalfe/Chas. Mills/J. Hunter/George Tatem/Thos. Parry/J. Smith Burges/W. Bensley/ John Travers/W. Elphinstone/S. Toone/Stepn. Williams.

London
the 29th May 1799.

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LETTER DATED 18 JUNE 1799

Deduction of stamp duties from pay of officers granted brevet commissions—appointment of cadets and assistant surgeons.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Para 1. Our last Letter in this Department was dated the 29th May.

2. We forwarded in the Packet of the Charlton several Brevet Commissions from His Majesty for Officers serving under your Presidency, the Fees on which have been paid here, and you will stop the amount from the Officers Pay—The Fees by the additional Stamp Duties are now as follows,

Major Generals	£.12-12-6
Colonels	11-0-6
Lieutenant Colonels	10-1-6
Majors	9-17-6

3. By that conveyance you will receive as Numbers in the Packet, the Rank of such Cadets of the Season 1796, who were allowed to remain in England until the Season 1797.

4. We likewise transmitted you a Number in the Packet the Rank of all the Cadets of the Season 1797.

5. We have appointed the following Person now abroad a Cadet upon your Establishment provided he shall produce the necessary Certificate of his Age and shall appear to you to be neither a Foreigner, or Son of a Native Indian or exceptionable in any other respect. You will accordingly appoint him to the Corps of Infantry. His order of Rank will be transmitted you by the Ships of next Season, Vizt. James McNaghton.

6. The following Persons likewise abroad, we have appointed Cadets upon your Establishment, the necessary Certificates of their Age have been delivered, Vizt. Suetonius Henry Todd, Robert French.

7. The Friends of Mr. Richard Jones whom we had appointed a Cadet upon the Madras Establishment, and who proceeded to his Appointment on the William Pitt, having made application to the Court to have him appointed a Cadet upon your Establishment, we have thought proper to comply with their Request, and have accordingly appointed him a Cadet to Bengal. The Rank of Mr. Jones will be transmitted you when the General List of the Season is sent out.

8. We have appointed Mr. James Fellowes an Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment of the Season 1796 provided he shall produce to the Medical Board satisfactory Testimonials of his Abilities for that Station. Mr. Fellowes will proceed to his Appointment from the Cape of Good Hope, you will therefore cause him to be placed next in Rank to Mr. John Ovington who stood last on the List of the Season 1796, which was transmitted you the 6th July 1797.

9. We have also appointed Mr. Robert Leney an Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment for the Season 1797. You will therefore cause him to be placed next in Rank to Mr. Fellowes.

We are

Your Affectionate Friends

Step. Lushington/Hugh Inglis/John Manship/W. Bensley/Thos. T. Metcalfe/Simon Frazer/J. Hunter/Thos. Parry/S. Toone/Abram Robarts/John Travers/George Tatem/W. Elphinstone/Stepn. Williams/J. Smith Burges.

London,
the 18th June 1799.

LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 1799

Leave period not to count for retirement on full pay—Company to return certificates re. sundry garrison, ordnance and naval stores.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Para 1. Our Last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 18th June last.

2. We have received your Letters in the Military Department, dated 25th* December 1798, and 1st February 1799.

3. The following Military Officers have been permitted to retire from our Service, Vizt. Major Generals Patrick Duff[1], John Forbes, Gabriel Johnstone, William Jones, Colonel Roger Elliott Roberts, Lieutenant Colonels William Denby, Thomas Edwards. You will therefore discontinue their names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

4. We have resolved that in computing the period of actual Service of the Military Officers in India, under the Regulations relative to retiring on full Pay; the time which the Officers may have been absent on leave to the Cape or to any other Settlement, be not included.

5. Enclosed you will receive a Copy of an Order§ of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council, licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison, Ordnance and Naval Stores and also Provisions, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may avoid the heavy penalties to which we are liable if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion should be put in suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact Copy of the Indorsement of the Cockets sent by the Ship whereon such Stores are laden, and not the particular Contents of each Package.

6. We have permitted Mr. James Robertson to return to his rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment.

7. We forward in the Packet two Brevet Commissions from His Majesty

The correct date is 24th.

§ See Military Letters from Court, Vol XVI, 1799, p. 152.

the Fees on which you will collect from the Officers, as directed in our former Orders.

We are,

Your Affectionate Friends,

Step. Lushington/Hugh Inglis/Abram Robarts/J. Smith Burges/Simon Frazer/John Manship/Paul Le Mesurier/Thos. Parry/John Travers/ George Tatem/W. Devaynes/Thos. T. Metcalfe/Chas. Grant/S. Toone.

London,
the 31st October 1799.

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LETTER DATED 5 MARCH 1800

Thirteen hundred pounds to be realised from Orphan Society in Bengal —artillery and engineering cadets get benefit of higher rank of proficiency during training.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Par: 1. Our last letter to you in this Department was dated the 31st October 1799.

2. We have received your Letter in the Military Department dated the 3rd June 1799.

3. The Managers Resident in England of the Bengal Orphan Society having requested us to advance them the Sum of one thousand three hundred Pounds on their giving Bills on the Society in Bengal we have agreeably to the recommendation in your Letter of the 31st January 1795 advanced them the said Sum and transmit you a set of Bills drawn by those Gentlemen on the Managers of the Society in Bengal payable at Sight accompanied by a Letter of advice, leaving it to you to settle the rate of Exchange.

4. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment Vizt. Captain George Carpenter, Lieutenant Boulton Mainwaring.

5. We have advanced Captain Carpenter two hundred Pounds on his Bond for the repayment of the said Sum into our Treasury at your Presidency within Six Months after his arrival in Bengal.

Captain Carpenter's Bond is transmitted herewith and you will call upon him to repay the said Sum accordingly, but should Captain Carpenter

neglect so to do, we direct that you advise us thereof by the earliest opportunity, and return the Bond, in order that we may recover Payment here of Mr. Robert Hamilton agreeably to the Tenor of the Bond.

6. The following Military Officers have been permitted to retire from our Service Viz. Captain Robert Murray, Captain Lieutenant James Agg.

You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

7. We have this Season (1799) Resolved to appoint one Hundred and seven Cadets for the Infantry on your Establishment and five for the Artillery or Engineer Corps.

8. We have also Resolved to appoint Eleven Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency.

9. Several applications having been made to us by Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India who have been invalided or Drafted, and sent home, for the difference between the former Pay and that allowed to the Troops by His Majesty's Warrants dated 25th May and June, and 25th December 1797 and as we find that notwithstanding our Orders of the 28th December 1798 our several Governments had determined to allow such difference of Pay from the dates of His Majesty's Warrants, We have also agreed to allow the same to the Officers and Men who have applied, and they have been paid accordingly as in the List* enclosed in the Packet.

10. If therefore any allowance of this kind has been drawn by the Paymasters of the respective Regiments for the absent Officers and Men named in the List abovementioned you will direct the same to be refunded or brought to the Company's Credit in any subsequent Account.

11. With a view to promote Emulation in the Cadets for our Artillery and Engineer Corps who are Educated at Woolwich we have resolved to make it a standing regulation that those who by their progress in the different Studies are first reported qualified to proceed to India, shall have precedence in rank in those Corps without any reference to their rank in the general List of Cadets appointed for their respective Presidencies.

12. Mr. John Heming Jones having completed his Studies at Woolwich proceeds to your Presidency this Season.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Step. Lushington/Hugh Inglis/J. Manship/Thos. Parry/John Travers/Thos T. Metcalfe/Abram Robarts/W. Elphinstone/J. Hunter/S. Toone/Paul Le Mesurier/G. W. Thellusson/Chas. Mills.

London,
the 5th March 1800.

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XVII, 1800, pp. 146-61.

LETTER DATED 18 APRIL 1800

Furlough rules extended to medical servants—higher rates of passage money to commanders of ships explained—introduction of horse artillery in Company's army.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Para : 1. Our last Letter to you in this Department, was dated the 5th March last.

2. We have received your Letters in the Military Department, dated the 29th August and 12th September 1799.

3. We ordered that the following Articles saved from the Wreck of the Henry Addington should be laden on the Ceres for Bengal, vizt, about 81 Tons of Iron Guns of different Callibers, and about 1 Ton of Grapnals of Sizes. Bills of lading for the above Articles, were forwarded by M. Andrew Lindegren, the Company's Agent at Portsmouth, as the Ships sailed from thence too soon to admit of the beforementioned Papers being forwarded a Number in the Packet.

4. We advised you in our Military Letter of the 29th May last, that we had permitted Dr. Francis Balfour of your Medical Establishment, to retire from the Service on the Pension granted to Head Surgeons by the Regulations of 8th January 1796, but as that Gentleman declined accepting this Allowance he has since applied for and obtained our leave to return to his Duty without prejudice to his rank.

5. Having taken into consideration an Application made to us by Dr. Balfour, respecting the situation of the Medical Officers allowed to come home on Furlough, we have resolved that as all Military Officers when they return from Furlough, either resume the rank they held in the Regiments or Battalions when they left India, or occupy such higher ranks as they may have become entitled to, by Promotion, during their absence on Furlough, that a similar rule shall take place in respect to the Medical Servants attached to the Military, including Surgeons of General Hospitals; and also Members of the Medical Board, provided they shall have been Members of that Board previous to their leaving India.

6. Dr. Balfour is of course to benefit by this regulation, on his arrival in Bengal to which also he appears to be entitled, from his Abilities and high Character in the Line of his Profession.

7. A misconstruction having been put upon our Resolutions of the 27th July, 1796, by several Commanders of our Freighted Ships, in respect to

the Passage Money allowed them for the conveyance and accommodation to England, at their Tables, of such of His Majesty's Officers, as conformably to our Orders, shall be sent to Europe at the charge of the Company; we have to acquaint you, that in granting these several Allowances, in lieu of those usually received by virtue of the Court's Resolutions under date the 3rd June 1794, we duly considered the increased rate of the price of every Article in the necessary provision for an Eastern Voyage from this Country to our different Settlements; and the consequent charge of maintaining His Majesty's Officers returning to England, independent of the burthen upon the Company, when the Expense thereof is sustained by us.

8. The Passage of our Ships from India to England, we are free to acknowledge, have of late been of extreme length, when compared to a regular Voyage in time of Peace; and on which account so far has come within our knowledge we have made an equitable remuneration to the Commanders, as the circumstances of the case, upon application, have appeared to merit.

9. From this Statement you will be informed of the real motives which induced us to increase the Allowances (beyond those of a former period) for Passengers returning to England from our several Presidencies in India, equally with Persons going thither of the description enumerated in our Printed Orders under date the 27th July 1796.

10. In framing the Sums allowed to be taken by the Commanders on the occasion of our Servants returning to England, as specified in the subsequent part of our Printed Orders of the 27th July 1796, it was done with a view to prevent that extortion on the part of our Commanders, which has in some instances been practised, and was not even intended as a ruling principle for them to be paid these specific Sums upon every occasion of Persons returning to Europe at their own Expense, but to be varied according to circumstances and the ability or means of the Persons thus coming to England, might enable them to pay for such Passage and accommodation on board our several Ships—Our object being solely to guard the Passengers from such extravagant demands in future, and to enable them to procure a Passage back to this Country, at as moderate a Rate, as with a just regard to the Interest of the Commanders, it could reasonably be afforded them, and with a design to hold our Commanders accountable to us in England, for refusing to grant our returning Servants a Passage home at the rates therein stipulated.

11. Having thus explained our reasons for extending the allowance of Passage Money to our several Commanders by our Resolutions of the 27th July 1796, and the Sums to be paid in future for His Majesty's Officers coming to England under the circumstances already within your knowledge, together with the principle which guided our judgement in determining on what might reasonably be taken by the respective Commanders of our Freighted Ships agreeable to our Resolutions beforementioned, we hereby

positively forbid your granting an increased Rate of Passage Money than is allowed to be received by our aforesaid Regulations, on account of His Majesty's Officers returning to England, when the expense thereof is borne by the Company; except in those Cases wherein our subsequent Resolution of the 7th April 1798* refers, and of which you have been previously informed Vizt.

For a General Officer . . .	£. 250
Colonel . . .	200
Lieutenant Colonel and Major . .	150
Captain . . .	125
Lieutenant and Ensign . . .	105

And for such other Officers not here described, an equal Sum, correspondent with their relative rank.

12. In consequence of a Letter from Major General Sydenham to Colonel Bloomfield of the Royal Artillery at Woolwich, requesting to be favoured with Models or Drafts of the Flying Artillery used in His Majesty's Service and Copy of General Sydenham's Letter having been transmitted to us, we from a desire to communicate to the Company's Army in India every Improvement which may have been made in the different branches of Military Service in Europe, and conceiving that the Introduction of Horse Artillery may be highly beneficial to the Company's Service, obtained from the Board of Ordnance the following Pieces of Artillery with the usual proportion of Ammunition packed in Boxes, Side Arms, Small Stores, and Harness complete as they are used in His Majesty's Service with this difference only, that for the purpose of preventing accidents by fire on board the Ships carrying out these Articles, Sawdust was substituted in lieu of Gunpowder in making up the Ammunition vizt.

1 Brass Gun	..	..	12 Pounder Light
1 Brass Gun	..	..	6 Pounder Light
1 Brass Gun	..	..	5½ Inch Howitzer
1 Travelling Carriage for 1 Light 12 Pounder			
1 Ammunition Waggon for 12		Do.	
1 Travelling Carriage for Light 6		Do.	
1 Ammunition Waggon for 6		Do.	
1 Travelling Carriage for 5½ Inch Howitzer			
1 Ammunition Waggon for 5½		Do.	
1 Forge Cart		Do.	
1 Crane for loading Mortars			
Spunges with Staves & Bags for 12 Pounders Light			
6		Do.	
	5½ Howitzer		12 Pounders Light.

*See Military Letters from Court, Vol. XVII, 1800, p.

Wadhoks with Staves for	12 Pounders Light
1 Bundle Match	6 Do.
3 Lifting Jacks	
8 Casks containing Harness.	
2 Cases and 2 Firkins with Sundry Stores.	

13. We had it likewise in contemplation to send two Medium twelve Pounders in consequence of a particular recommendation from some of the Field Officers at Woolwich of their great use in throwing Grape Shot, but it appearing that Guns of that Calibre are not yet in general use in His Majesty's Service, they are not sent at present.

14. The several Articles beforementioned were Shipped on the Brunswick for Madras to be conveyed from thence to Bengal with several other Stores intended for your Presidency which for want of Tonnage were obliged to be laden on the Madras Ships.

15. In consequence of the Bill for these Articles not having been received from the Board of Ordnance the regular Invoices were not made out in time to accompany them, accounts of the particulars of the Packages were therefore transmitted a number in the Brunswick's Packet.

16. As it is material that we should be accurately informed from time to time, of the Amount of Pensions which have been granted at your Presidency upon the Military Fund, We direct that you annually transmit to us a List of the Persons to whom such Pensions have been or may be granted, with the Amount of the Pensions, noting such Casualties as may have occurred within the year.

17. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment Vizt., Captains Michael Hiffernan, Henry Worsley; Brevet Captains William Francklin, George Fuller.

18. We have advanced Brevet Captain William Francklin, One hundred Pounds on his Bond, for the repayment of the said Sum into our Treasury at your Presidency within Six Months after his arrival in Bengal and you will call upon him to repay the said Sum accordingly; but should Captain Francklin neglect so to do, we direct that you advise us thereof, by the earliest opportunity, in order that we may recover payment here, agreeably to the Tenor of the Bond.

19. Mr. James Ross, whom we permitted to return to his rank of Assistant Surgeon on your Establishment, as advised in our Letter of the 17th April 1799, takes Passage on the Ship Bengal.

20. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency, in part of the number we this Season (1799) agreed to send thither, Vizt. Messrs. Joseph Langstaff, Charles Wake, Robert Briggs, Charles Assey, George Campbell, George Procter.

21. The following Military Officers have been permitted to retire from our Service, vizt., Captains John Herbert Valentia Dubois, Arthur Davies.

You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

We are

Your Affectionate Friends,

Hugh Inglis/D. Scott/J. Manship/ Step. Lushington/John Roberts/F. Baring/Joseph Cotton/Paul Le Mesurier/Edw. Parry/S. Toone/Thos. Parry/R. Thornton/Simon Frazer/ George Tatem/Thos. T. Metcalfe.

London
the 18th April 1800.

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LETTER DATED 7 MAY 1800

All prisoners of war to be sent to Europe—Military Board's claim to exclusive patronage in the Ordnance Dept. rejected—accounts of stores supplied to King's Regiments to be kept separately—new rules of retirement explained—allowance to orphans extended to those of King's troops—formation of corps of Indian artillery not favoured—establishment of Calcutta militia—Board to consult experienced officers before agreeing to military expenses.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Para. 1. We duly received the Letter from the Secretary to your Government, dated the 24th October 1799, per the Ship Alligator, upon the subject of Prisoners of War in the East Indies, and have to acquaint you in reply, "that the Operations of the Cartel of Exchange settled between this Country and France do not extend beyond Europe; and that no Arrangement has been made for defraying the Expenses incurred by the two Nations of the Prisoners of War in India."

2. We nevertheless feel ourselves warranted in stating that most of the Prisoners who came to England on board the Triton, subjects of France, have been exchanged with the French Nation, with other Prisoners of War in this Country.

3. We further deem it necessary to acquaint you that such of the Officers and others, subjects of France, and formerly in the Service of His Highness the Nizam, as have already arrived in England, were allowed to return to France without waiting for an exchange, agreeably to the Treaty entered into

with His Highness, as advised in the Letter from the Governor General under date the 21st November 1798*.

4. And we direct that you transmit to us a regular Statement of the Expenses hitherto incurred in respect to the Prisoners of War at your Presidency, and which may hereafter arise upon that Account, distinguishing the several heads under which the same are classed, together with the names and rank of the Prisoners, on account of whom these Charges have or may be incurred, specifying the periods when and where they were taken Prisoners and how disposed of, together with every other information you may deem requisite, in order to enable us to take such steps for the recovery of the amount, as shall appear to us to be proper.

5. Upon the subject of Prisoners of War in India, we cannot avoid calling your attention to the inevitable Expense of Keeping them in India, independent of the impolicy of the measure; and we therefore direct, that you take the earliest opportunity of sending all Prisoners of War remaining at your Presidency, after the receipt of these Orders, to Europe, either by distributing them on board our returning Ships, or in such other manner as you shall judge from local circumstances to be most eligible for their safe return to this Country, with as little inconvenience to the Company, and as moderate a charge as possible, under the existing circumstances of the Case and we direct that you send orders to the other Presidencies to act in conformity to the beforementiōned directions.

6. Sometime ago Mr Thomas Law who was one of the Sureties for Mr William Tierney deceased formerly a Paymaster in our Service brought a Suit in Chancery to recover back from the Company a Sum of 96857 Current Rupees 7 Annas and 2 pice paid by Mr. Law's Agents about the 20th of April 1792 into our Treasury in discharge of the Balance reported due by Mr. Tierney's Estate. The Cause has been brought on to hearing, and the Company have been obliged to repay the sum so paid to Mr. Law, with Interest, but by the decree liberty is reserved for the Company, to bring any Action or Suit in any of the Courts in India in 2 Years from the date of the decree against the Representatives of Mr. Tierney who are restrained from giving any Evidence or setting up in such Suit or Action the payment of the said 96857 Current Rupees 7 Annas and 2 pice or any part thereof, and the decree reserves power of providing against the event of Mr. Tierney's Administrator in this Country not appearing to such Suit.

After the investigation which Mr. Tierney's Accounts have undergone we see no reason for supposing any error in the balance formerly found and therefore any further investigation out of a Court of Justice appears to us unnecessary and therefore if Mr. Graham the Administrator in India and the Attornies for Mr. George Tierney the Administrator here shall decline coming to such a Settlement as shall fix the balance so as to be binding upon

*See Secret Letters to Court, Vol. 12, 1797-1802, pp. 247-60. The correct date is 20 November 1798.

Mr. Tierney's Estate, and to enable us to recover the Amount from his representatives either here or in India, or on their default from his Sureties, we direct that a Suit shall be forthwith commenced on the Equity side of the Supreme Court of Judicature against Mr. Graham as Administrator in India and against Mr. George Tierney as Administrator in England, for Settlement of the Account and recovery of the balance which shall be ascertained to be due, and for your better information we send you a Brief of the proceedings and an Abstract of the Evidence adduced in the Cause here, and an Office Copy of the decree which has been pronounced.

Altho' we have directed you to commence a Suit, we do not mean to restrict your entering into an investigation or causing an investigation by our proper officers of the Account, with Mr. Tierney's Representatives if they shall shew any reasonable ground for believing that there are any Errors in the Settlement which has taken place, nor do we mean to restrain you from concerting any mode of adjustment with Mr. Tierney's Representatives, other than in the Supreme Court, which you in your discretion shall be of Opinion is more likely to be conducive to the speedy ends of Justice, so as it shall be binding upon Mr. Tierney's Estate and all parties concerned.

7. By the present opportunity we shall reply to your several Dispatches in the Military Department of the dates following 13th March, 15th May, 31st August, 24th December 1798 and 1st February and 3rd June 1799.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
Dated 13th March 1798

(Para 1) Mentions the date of the last Dispatch. (2 to 93) In acknowledgement of and in answer to the Courts dispatches of the 30th June and 5th. (94) Forwarding Proceedings.	8. Need no Reply.
(95) Certain Officers who left Madras in February 1794 struck off the strength of the Corps.	9. On this subject we refer you to our Military Letter of the 14th March 1798.
(96) Mr Buinette a Pensioned Assistant Surgeon on the Madras Establishment permitted to reside in Bengal, his Pension during his residency at that Presidency to be paid by the Governor General in Council.	10. We have no objection to Mr Buinette's receiving his Pension of Twenty Pagodas a Month from your Treasury during his continuance at Your Presidency.
(97 & 98) Relative to an application to the Government of Bombay on behalf of the Estate of the	11. We approve of the opinion you communicated to the Bombay Government on the Claim referred

late Captain William Richardson of that Establishment.

to in these Paragraphs.

(99) Referring to an application from Lieut. Colonel Reynolds of the Bombay Establishment to be furnished with Copies of several Surveys to be inserted in a General Map of Hindostan preparing [*sic*] by him.

12. The application from Lieut. Colonel Reynolds, referred to in this Paragraph was noticed in our Military Dispatch to the Government of Bombay of the 29th May 1799, a Copy of which was transmitted to you as usual.

(100 to 102) Ramghur Battalion.

13. We very much approve the measures you are pursuing for lessening the Mortality hitherto experienced in this Corps, by recruiting from among the Hill People.

(103) Request of the Cadets of 1782 to be promoted to the Rank of Brevet Captain.

14. Replied to in the 66th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 29th May 1799.

(104) The permission formerly given to Lieut. G. Money to resign the Service revoked.

15. Needs no Reply.

(105) Horse allowance to the Chaplain and Quarter Master of the 27th Light Dragoons, the former as subaltern, the latter Rupees (30) thirty a Month.

16. We acquiesce in the Allowances granted to these Officers.

(106) Subaltern Officers and Quarter Masters of Cavalry, allowed a Charger from the Government, Recruit Horses on certain terms.

17. We approve of your Resolutions founded on the inability of the Officers in Question to procure Horses at the high price they bore for allowing them a Charger at the Company's price, and under the Regulations established.

(106 A*) Officers appointed to the Command of the Native Grenadier Battalions in the Field permitted to draw superior Batta.

18. As this was a temporary Allowance, we shall not object to it.

(107*) The usual Allowances to an acting Brigade Major of the 78th Regiment authorized.

19. By the general Orders of the 13th December 1797, the Appointment of acting Brigade Major is said to be made, "for the purpose of assisting Colonel Mackenzie in the details of the Escort". We conclude therefore that this was a

*Original para nos are 107 and 108 resp.

temporary appointment, and on that account shall acquiesce in the allowances granted, but on this as on all other similar occasions, we wish you to be fully satisfied of the expediency of such Appointments before you authorize them on the additional Staff Allowances annexed thereto.

(108*) The same Horse allowance given to Adjutants of Native Battalions as is drawn by Adjutants of European Corps.

20. We approve of your having granted to the Adjutants of Native Battalions the same Horse Allowance as is drawn by Adjutants of European Corps, to enable them to perform their duties in the field of exercise.

(109* to 114) Advising several appointments &ca.

(115 to 122) Contain the names of several Officers and Surgeons permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough.

21. Need no Reply.

(123 to 128) Advising several Military expenditures on public Works &ca.

22. In all cases of this nature (as indeed we have frequently observed) you will satisfy yourselves of the necessity of the works proposed before you authorize the expenditure.

(129 & 130) An indemnification to the Agent of Supplies for wastage in cutting the accoutrements and a corrected statement adopted of the rate at which they are in future to be supplied.

23. We approve of your proceedings on the subject noticed in these Paragraphs.

(131) Repair of the public buildings at Mongher &ca.

(132) The painting of several buildings at Fort William postponed.

24. Need no Reply.

(133 to 141) Claim of the Military Board to the exclusive patronage in the Ordnance Department.

25. We were greatly surprized that the Military Board at your Presidency should have conceived themselves vested with the absolute

*Original para nos are 109 and 110 resp.

disposal of all appointments in the Ordnance Department, independent of your Government, since it is expressly declared in the 29th Paragraph of our Letter of the 21st September 1785 containing the orders for its constitution " that the Military Board is to possess no authority exclusive of and independent of the Supreme Government, but are in all respects to act under you and through the medium of your authority". We have only therefore to express our entire approbation of your having given this very extraordinary claim a most decided negative.

(142 to 144) Request of the Quarter Master General either to be gratified for his Services at the Military Board with the honorary Seat of senior Member, or that such Salaries be granted to the Members as might be deemed a just reward for their labors.

26. Having already signified our approbation of the principle of the arrangement which directs that during the absence of the Commander in Chief, the senior Officer at the Presidency should act as Vice President of the Military Board, we have only to express our entire concurrence in your sentiments upon the Minute of the Quarter Master General referred to in these Paragraphs and very much approve of your having put a direct negative upon the improper and unreasonable application for Salary being allowed to the Members of the Military Board. If Colonel Dyer shall manifest any further dissatisfaction with the terms upon which we require his attention to the Duties of the Military Board, you will remove him from his situation as Quarter Master General and appoint a proper Person to succeed to that valuable and important Office.

(145 to 148) Referring to the proceedings of the Military Board

27. We approve of your determination upon the points referred

upon the annual survey Report of the Works and Public Buildings at Fort William &ca.

to in these Paragraphs.

(149) Respecting the Guns lent to the Lord Thurlow.

28. Will be replied to hereafter.

(150) A Bungalow and Offices to be constructed for the Quarter Master Serjeant of the 3rd Regiment of Cavalry.

29. Needs no Reply.

(151 to 153) Permanent Cantonments to be erected at Cawnpore for a Regiment of European Dragoons.

30. You will advise us of the completion of these Cantonments and whether the expence of the buildings came within estimate.

(154) Mentioning proceedings of the Medical Board having been forwarded by the Britannia.

31. Needs no reply.

(155 to 159) Relative to Allowances to the Detachments of the Royal Artillery, 71st and 72d Regiments sent round from Madras, with a view to their being accommodated with passages to the Cape and England.

32. We approve of your Resolutions on the subjects of these Paragraphs.

(160 to 163) Claims of the Officers commanding small Detachments of the 71st & 72nd Regiments for superior Batta not allowed.

33. Your decision on these points have also our approbation.

(164 & 165) An advance of six months King's Pay to the Detachment of the 72d. Regiment authorized.

(166) Desiring to be informed whether the expences of Arms, Accoutrements &ca for the Kings Troops are to be defrayed by the Crown.

34. We are not yet prepared to afford you precise information upon this point. We however approve of your resolution, advised in your subsequent Dispatch of the 31st August 1798, for keeping separate Accounts of the issues of Arms, Accoutrements and Stores of various kinds made to each of the King's Regiments, of

which copies are annually to be transmitted to us. This account should commence from the 24th December 1792 to which period all claims of the Public on the Company on account of the expense of the Kings Troops were declared by Act of Parliament to have been discharged.

(167 & 168) Application of the Widow of the late Captain James Peche to be admitted to a Pension on Lord Clive's Fund.

35. Need no Reply.

(169 to 171) Relative to the misconduct of Mr. Carruthers a Cadet.

36. Will be replied to hereafter.

(172 to 176) Relative to the Company's demand upon the Securities of the late Mr. Paymaster Smith.

37. Replied to in the 122 Paragraph of our Military Letter of the 29th May 1799.

(177) Referring to a Letter from the Surveyor General, copy of which was forwarded by the Britannia.

38. Needs no Reply.

(178 & 179) Mr. W. M. Russel admitted as an Assistant Surgeon, altho' he could not produce the counterpart of his Covenants, on his name appearing on the list of Assistant Surgeons for 1796.

39. Under the circumstances stated in these Paragraphs you did right in admitting Mr. William Russell as an Assistant Surgeon. Previous to his leaving England he entered into the usual Covenants and gave the necessary security for their performance.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
Dated 15th May 1798

(Para 1) Mentions the date of the last Dispatch.

40. Needs no Reply.

(2) The Surveyor General of Bengal and Captain Mackenzie of the Madras Establishment authorized to communicate to each other all Plans and Surveys for which they might respectively have occasion.

41. This reciprocal communication between your Surveyor General and Captain Mackenzie of the Madras Establishment may tend very much to the improvement of Geographical Knowledge. And as

this communication is to be made through the medium of our respective Governments of Bengal and Fort St. George, we direct that you transmit to us from time to time copies of the correspondence which may pass upon the occasion.

(3 to 12) The Officers who embarked at Madras on the intended Expedition to Manilla, put on the same footing with respect to Batta and Diet Money as those who proceeded from Bengal, also advising the regulations for the allowances to the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the Kings Regiments.

42. We acquiesce in the propriety and equity of your decision upon the points mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(13 & 14) Captain Smale's Bill for the passage and victualling of Recruits on board the Lord Walsingham from the Cape to Bengal.

43. It is our intention to take into consideration and to fix what allowances shall be made to the Commanders of the Company's Ships for the passage and victualling of Soldiers from St. Helena and the Cape to India; we therefore direct that until you shall receive our final determination on this subject you leave all future claims of this nature to be settled by us.

(15 to 17) Several King's Officers permitted to draw the usual Charterparty allowance for their Wives and Children.

44. Under the circumstances represented in these Paragraphs we approve of your paying the Charterparty allowance for the passage of the Families of Captain Emerson of 72d, Captain McKenzie of the 71st and Lieutenant Short of the 36th Regiments.

(18 to 20) At the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief Captains Glass of the Bengal and Howley of the Madras Establishment granted Kings Brevets of Major until His Majesty's Pleasure be known, they having been omitted in the general Brevet Promotions of 26th January 1797.

45. These Officers were included in the List furnished from hence, and were promoted accordingly from the 26th January 1797.

(21 to 26) Rank of Cadets.

46. Will be replied to hereafter.

(27 to 31) Advising Proceedings on the Courts orders of the 5th July 1797 fixing the Rank of Assistant Surgeons appointed from 1781.

47. We approve of your Resolution on this Subject.

(32 & 33) Regulations for drawing Staff Allowances in cases where the same Staff appointment is held by two Officers at the same time—as recommended by the Commander in Chief.

48. The two first Regulations are perfectly proper and have our approbation. In regard to the third it does not appear to us that there can be the smallest necessity for granting the Allowances annexed to the same Staff Appointment for two Officers, it appears to us that it would be in fact paying double for the same Office.

(34 to 36) Suspension of Captain Williamson.

49. Your Proceedings respecting the suspension of Captain Williamson are under consideration.

(37 & 38) Furlough and Resignations.

(39 to 43) Appointments.

50. These Paragraphs required no particular remark—with respect however to the query contained in the 38th Paragraph we concur in opinion with the Commander in Chief that Cavalry Officers whilst in the Service though on Furlough, are entitled to receive the pay of that branch of the Service to which they are attached.

(44) On the alarming scarcity of Musquetry and small Arms in the different Magazines.

51. Will be replied to hereafter.

(45 to 51) Noticing several Military Expenditures.

52. Need no particular reply.

(52 & 53) Deficiency of the Stores in the Magazine at Monghyr on the demise of the late Deputy Commissary.

53. We approve of your having called upon the Executor of the late Deputy Commissary at Monghyr to make good the deficiency of Stores at that Fortress which appeared upon his demise.

(54) The Tank to the eastward of the Soldiers Barracks at Barampore to be cleansed and deepened.

54. Needs no Reply.

(55) Of the inferior quality of Twine-imported on the Hawke.

55. Will be replied to hereafter.

(56 to 60) Noticing several Military Expenditures.

56. Need no Reply.

(61) Forwarding proceedings of the Military Board.

(62 to 64) Noticing seyeral Military Expenditures.

(65 to 66) Advising the alterations in making up Tents for the Captains and Subalterns of European Corps.

(67) New burying Ground at Dinapore to be enclosed by a Wall.

(68 & 69) Noticing several Military Expenditures.

(70) Riding Masters of the Regiments of Native Cavalry, when not a Commissioned Officer allowed (35) thirty five Rupees a month for the purpose of providing, carrying and pitching their Tents.

(71) A Wall to be built round the burying ground at Monghyr.

(72) New Desks and Chairs purchased for the Office of the Military Board.

(73) Twenty new empty Barrels supplied from the Arsenal to Captain Dobree of the Busbridge.

(74) Repairs to the Field Officers Quarters at Berhampore.

(75) Tow Boys from the Orphan School to be sent to the head Surgeon at Fort Malbro' to be instructed in the Duties of Compounder in the Dispensary.

(76 to 78) Forwarding Memorials from several Surgeons

57. We see nothing in the Memorials referred to that should

remonstrating against the Court's Orders of 5th July 1797 fixing their Rank.

induce us to make any alteration in the Orders contained in our Military Letter of the 5th July 1797;—those Orders were given after mature deliberation and with every attention to the just rights of the Parties concerned and the established usage of the Service, relative to their Appointments, we cannot therefore consent to a revocation of any part thereof.

(79 & 80) Claim of Mr. Thos. White, Assistant Surgeon for the pay, Batta and Gratuity of his rank for having acted as Surgeon on board the Henry Dundas during the voyage from England to Bengal.

58. We approve of your having rejected the claim noticed in these Paragraphs.

(81) Mr. Wasmus permitted to draw his allowances until he embarks for Europe, but if he does not embark by the end of December his allowances to be discontinued, and a monthly proportion of the Pension of (£ 300) three hundred Pounds a year to be paid to him in lieu thereof.

59. We approve of your determination respecting Mr. Wasmus, as mentioned in this Paragraph.

(82) Quarter Masters of the European Dragoons at Cawnpore to provide themselves with habitations at their own expence.

60. We approve of your determination herein.

(83) Centre passage of the Stables for the European Dragoons to be increased two feet.

61. Need no Reply.

(84) One Syce to be allowed to each Horse of the 27th Dragoons till the 1st November from which period the number of Syces to be reduced to one for two Horses.

(85) Mr. J. Martin admitted as an Assisant Surgeon on making an Affidavit of his appointment.

(86 & 87) Court's decision requested on points relative to the Period of Service required of

62. On the first point the Orders of 8th January 1796 are sufficiently explicit, it is therein

Officers by the New Regulations.

directed that after twenty two years actual service in India an Officer coming to Europe on furlough will be allowed to retire on the Pay of his Rank provided he signifies his intention of so doing within twelve months after his arrival.

As to the second point Officers on furlough who wish to retire, and who declare their intention to that effect within twelve months from their arrival will be permitted to retire on the Pay of the Rank they may be entitled to at that period, as already communicated in our Military Letter of 29th May last, Paragraph 43.

On the third point the answer is in the Affirmative.

As to the fourth, the period of qualification for Officers to retire on their full Pay is to commence with regard to Cadets appointed here from the arrival at the Presidency to which they are nominated, or if they have been detained on their Voyage out at any other Presidency and employed there on actual Service, from their being so employed, and as to Cadets appointed in the Country and confirmed by us, from the date of their being appointed provided they were then at the Presidency where such appointment took place.

(88 to 90) Application of Commanders to be allowed rates of Passage Money for Officers proceeding to Europe conformable to the Regulations of 1796.

63. Our reply to the subject of these Paragraphs will be found in the Paragraphs 7 to 11 of the Letter dated the 18th Ultimo.

(91 & 92) Commander of the Prince William Henry requested that the Soldiers returning to Europe on his Ship may be required to sign an instrument that they

64. As it appears to be the invariable practice at our Presidency of Madras to require the Charter-party Passengers proceeding thence to Europe on the Company's Ships

would not demand any Wages.

to enter into obligation not to demand any Wages under pretence of having assisted in navigating the Ship, We recommend that in future all Persons proceeding from Bengal as Charterparty Passengers be required to enter into similar engagements.

(93) On the return of the 4th Native Regiment from the Circar the appointment of Paymaster to the Regiment was abolished.

65. Needs no Reply.

(94 & 95) The Widow of Lieut. Col. Hartley recommended for the Military Fund, also submitting her request to be allowed the Pension of a full Colonel's Widow.

66. Mrs. Hartley's request for any other Pension than that of a Widow of a Lieutenant Colonel cannot be complied with.

(96) Transmitting a Memorial from the Subaltern Officers who were Cadets of 1782 praying to be promoted to the Rank of Captain by Brevet.

67. Already replied to in our Letter of the 29th May 1799 Paragraph 66.

(97 & 98) Wounded or disabled Gunners admitted to their full pay when invalided.

68. We approve of your determination upon the point mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(99) A sufficient number of Guard rooms constructed for the Out Post at the Cawnpore Station.

69. Needs no Reply.

(100) An allowance of Rs. 500 a month made to the Commandant of the Fort of Allahabad when under the rank of a General Officer.

70. For the reasons assigned in the Letter from the Adjutant General dated the 15th April 1798,* we approve of the allowance of Rupees (500) five hundred a month to the Commandant of the Fort of Allahabad when under the rank of a General Officer. We also approve of the Establishment allowed to this Officer as advised in the 99th Paragraph of your Letter of the 31st August.

(101) Jacob Carruthers proceeds to Europe as a Charterparty Passenger on the Walsingham.

71. Needs no Reply.

*See Military Department Proceedings, 17 April 1798, No. 6.

(102) Kings Officers of Drafted Regiments going home permitted to draw the difference between Kings and Company's Allowances to the end of April 1798.

72. Although this was a deviation from the usual practice, the reasons given for it induces us to acquiesce therein.

(103) Forwarding a return of Troops—List of the Army &ca &ca.

73. Need no Reply.

(104) Captain Richardson appointed to act in the Quarter Master General's Department in consequence of the junction of the Troops which proceeded with the late Governor General and the Commander in Chief from Juanpore to Lucknow.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department Dated 31st August 1798

(Para. 1) Mentions the date of the last dispatch.

74. Need no Reply.

(2 to 11) In answer to the Court's Letters of the 15th October and 1st November 1797 and 26th January 1798.

(12 & 13) Sundry Articles and information sent to Fort St. George respecting the construction and improvement of Gun Carriages.

(14 to 16) Relative to an application from the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 29th Light Dragoons for an indemnification for some Arms &ca. belonging to that Corps which were damaged or destroyed on the passage from England and by the surf in landing them at Madras.

75. The subject of these Paragraphs has been noticed in our Military Dispatch to the Government of Madras, a copy of which you will receive as usual.

(17 to 23) Relative to occasional issues of Arms, Accoutrements and Stores of various kinds to the King's Regiments serving in India.

76. Already replied to.

(24 & 25) Orphan Society—The allowance of three Rupees

77. By the 114th Paragraph of our Letter in the Military

P Month continued to the Children of the Kings Soldiers.

Department dated the 29th of May 1799 you will have observed that we have been induced to dispense, for the present, with our restrictive Orders of 6th August 1796 respecting the allowance of (3) three Rupees P Month to the Children of non-commissioned Officers and Privates of the Company's Army. We have only therefore to signify our consent to this allowance having been extended, in the same manner as formerly, to the Children of the Soldiers belonging to His Majesty's Regiments serving under your Presidency. At the same time we must observe that it behoves you to be extremely careful that the bounty of the Company in this respect be not abused. We repeat the direction contained in the Paragraph beforementioned that you continue to transmit to us annually, a list of the Children to whom this allowance is extended, distinguishing those of the Kings and Company's Soldiers, and such as are Orphans.

(26 to 28) Referring to a Letter from the Military Auditor General respecting the Books and accounts of 1797/8, difference in estimated and actual charges explained.

78. Need no Reply.

(29 to 32) On the subject of the balance due to the Company from Mr. Robert Grant, late Field Paymaster.

79. Although by the established rule of your Government, sanctioned by our authority you were precluded from the acceptance of Mr. Grant's proposed transfer of a debt said to be due to him from the late Nabob of Oude, in liquidation of his balance to the Company, the proposal must nevertheless be considered as indicating a sincere disposition on the part of Mr. Grant to discharge the public demands upon him. We observe by the proceedings

that measures have been taken for obtaining from his Securities the amount of the Sums for which they respectively became responsible and we trust with you that the ultimate loss to the Company on this account will not be considerable.

80. Since writing the preceding Paragraph we have been advised of your having agreed to a proposal made by one of Mr. Grant's Securities for furnishing you with Bills on London annually for £100 until the Sum for which he, the Security, is accountable (Rupees 10,000) shall be discharged. We have received a Bill to that amount which has been accepted.

(33 & 34) Military Paymaster's Books closed without waiting for those of the Military Board, directions to the latter on the subject—reason assigned for the delay.

81. Although the reason assigned for the delay in closing the Books of the Military Board exculpates their Accountant, in the present Instance, yet as it is a matter of importance that every exertion should be made to complete the annual Accounts at the prescribed period, we approve of the injunctions you issued to that Board.

(35) Transmitting Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General with Certificates of Pay issued to Officers on Furlough.

82. The transmission of these Certificates is proper and must be continued.

(36) Forwarding Copy of a Letter from the Compiler of Accounts of King's Troops and statement referred.

83. You will also continue to forward similar Statements of the Accounts of His Majesty's Troops.

(37 to 39) Relative to Captain Staunton's application to be put in charge of the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops.

84. We approve of your determination upon the application of Captain Staunton to be put in charge of the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops as advised in these Paragraphs.

(40 & 41) Conduct of Captain Williamson.

85. Is under consideration.

(42 to 45) Advising the establishment of an Invalid Company of Sepoys and one of Lascars to be stationed at Chittagong &ca.

86. For the reasons which have been assigned we approve of your having established an Invalid Company of Sepoys and one of Lascars to be stationed at Chittagong, and of your having extended the Tannah Establishment to the District of Chittagong, for the benefit of worn out Sepoys and Lascars who may be Natives of that Province. You will of course acquaint us with the result of the enquiry for ascertaining whether there are any uncultivated lands in that Province, either the property of Government or Individuals, which can be applied to the purposes of this establishment.

(46) Establishment of Artificers, Sweepers &ca. under the Barrack Master at Allahabad.

87. We likewise approve of the establishment of Artificers, Sweepers &ca. under the Barrack Master at Allahabad.

(47 to 51) His Majesty's 33d Regiment sent to Fort St. George on the Company's Ships.

(52) Advising several appointments.

(53) Contains the names of Officers permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

88. Need no Reply.

(54 to 59) State of the Public Stud—and compensation to Mr. Mallet for his implements of Husbandry.

89. We have perused the Papers referred to in these Paragraphs relative to the state of the Company's Stud, and approve of your several Resolutions of the 27th August upon that subject. We likewise approve of your determination as well with respect to the compensation to Mr. Mallet (advised in your subsequent Dispatch of the 24th December 1798) for having been instrumental to the introduction of Foreign Grass as in regard to the sum allowed him for his various Implements of Husbandry.

90. By your last Letter in this Department of the 29th August 1799 we observe that Mr. Mallet was dissatisfied with the amount of this compensation, but we approve of your having adhered to your former resolution upon this subject, making him however a reasonable allowance for the hire of a Budgerow from Tirhoot to Calcutta.

91. From the contents of the report of the President of the Board of Superintendence, entered on your Consultations of 27th August 1798 and from what is stated in the Letter from the Board itself dated the 11th September* there is reason to hope that the Company will not only be reimbursed the charges which they have already incurred by this Institution, of the progressive state of which you will continue to advise us, but that the same will at length be productive of much public utility. At the same time you will see the necessity of regulating the expenses attendant on the experiment with a due regard to œconomy. We are induced to make this observation from the charges of the Institution for 1798/99 being estimated at above Rupees (60,000) sixty thousand. The principle [principal] objects of the Institution consist in the promotion of an improved breed of Cattle in the Provinces, from which at no remote period it is supposed that the Company will have it in their power to recruit their Cavalry without being obliged to have recourse to purchase in foreign Territories—and in disseminating foreign Grasses, and other useful Articles of Agriculture amongst the Inhabitants, in the pursuit of which we shall not object to a moderate annual disbursement so long as you shall see a prospect of their attainment. With respect to the suggestion of the Board of Superintendance for four or five young Stallions being sent from hence, the same will be taken into consideration previous to the departure of the Ships of next Season.

(60 to 69) Compensation to Mr. Lyon for superintending the works on the Bogrutty River, and for Extra Work done at the Barampore Hospital.

92. We have also perused the proceedings referred to in this and in your subsequent Letter of the 24th December 1798, and approve of your decision with respect to the compensation to Mr. Lyon for superintending the Works on the Bogrutty River, and for the extra work performed by him at the Hospital at Barampore. We likewise approve of the allowance to Mr. Kitso who was employed as Mr. Lyon's Assistant on the Bogrutty.

(70) Transmitting a Letter from the Military Board with the Indent.

93. Will be replied to hereafter.

*See Military Department Proceedings, 1 October 1798, No. 56.

(71) A small Prison and Cook Room to be built for the Native Hospital at Cawnpore.

94. Needs no Reply.

(72) Remarks of a Committee of Survey recorded on Consultations 9th July No[s] 30 & 31 on the state of the Arms and Accoutrements sent out on the Henry Dundas, Admiral Gardner and Lord Walsingham.

95. On the adjusting of these Ship Accounts of Freight and Demorage, the Owners will be charged agreably to Charterparty with the amount value of Arms and Accoutrements so destroyed.

(73) Some public buildings to be erected for the use of the Troops stationed at the Post of Burragong.

(74) Some buildings in the Fort of Allahabad for the reception of Arms &ca to be repaired.

(75) Alteration in the Sepoy Tents as essential to the comfort and health of the Men.

(76) A Tiled Shed to be built for the purpose of a Laboratory.

(77) New Cavalry Stables to be built at Futty Ghur.

(78) Public buildings of the Sepoy lines at the station of Chunar to be repaired.

96. As it is impossible for us to judge of the propriety of these disbursements we can only repeat the observation so often made, that we trust no expenditure of this nature will be incurred without the most evident necessity, and the strictest regard to œconomy.

(79 & 80) Relative to the state of the Buildings in the Fortress of Chunar, measures to be taken for ascertaining the causes of the dampness in the Store rooms which are to be removed, but no expence to be incurred in erecting new Store Rooms.

(81) An alteration to be made in the construction of the new boring Machine.

(82) A New Flag Staff to be erected at the Barrackpore Station.

(83) Transmitting a valuation of the Articles issued from the Arsenal to His Majesty's Ships.

97. Need no Reply.

(84) Transmitting a Return of Serviceable, & Repaired & Repairable Arms in Store on the 30th of April 1798.

98. Will be replied to hereafter.

(85) Transmitting sundry Papers from the Military Board.

99. Need no reply.

(86) Salt Provisions to be prepared for the Depot.

(87) The Road leading from Tolley's Nullah[1] to the Fort to be repaired.

(88) Some inconsiderable repairs to be made to the buildings &ca. at the powder works.

(89) Transmitting Memorial from Mr. Burt, Surgeon, on the subject of his Rank.

100. For the reasons already given in our Letter of the 5th July 1797 we do not think proper to comply with the prayer of this Memorial.

(90) Memorial from three Assistant Surgeons on the same subject.

101. We cannot see any cause in this Memorial for revoking our Orders of the above date.

(91) Hospital at Mongheer reported ready for the reception of insane Sepoys.

102. Needs no Reply.

(92) The Medical allowance for the Ramghur Battalion increased from one hundred and twenty to two hundred and twenty five Rupees P Month.

103. We approve of this Increase for the reasons assigned.

(93) Twenty Assistant Surgeons will be required from Europe for the Season 1799/1800.

104. You have already been apprized of our resolution to appoint eleven Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency this Season.

(94 & 95) Deficiency of Gunpowder sent to the Cape of Good Hope by the Britannia and Isabella.

105. Need no Reply.

(96) A private of His Majesty's 52d Regiment allowed a sum equal to the Charterparty passage Money to provide a passage for himself.

(97 & 98) Eleven Soldiers whose time was expired, and who

could not be prevailed upon to re-inlist, allowed to enter on board His Majesty's Ship La Virgint.

(99) Commandant of Allahabad allowed Rupees (200) two hundred P Month for Moonshees, Writers &ca.

106. Already replied to.

(100 & 101) Captain Morrison allowed the usual Commission on the first purchase of the extra Camels found necessary for the public Service on the late movement of the Troops into the Viziers. Dominions towards Lucknow, and Rs. (200) two hundred P Month for superintending & feeding them.

107. We do not see any reason to object to the allowances to Captain Morrison for his services mentioned in these Paragraphs.

(102) Transmitting a Memorial from the Subaltern Officers appointed Cadets in Europe for the Season 1781, complaining of having been superseded by the Cadets appointed in the Country the same year.

108. We have perused the Memorial referred to in this Paragraph but see no reason to depart from the sentiments of approbation expressed in the 120th Paragraph of our Military Dispatch dated the 31st July 1787, of your Resolution that no alterations should be made in the list of the Army.

(103) His Majesty's Commissions to Major General Nicol and Captain Meyd returned for correction.

109. The Commissions for the two Officers mentioned in this Paragraph have been corrected and returned.

(104) Transmitting an alphabetical Long Roll of the European non commissioned and privates of the Bengal Army.

110. Needs no Reply.

(105) Lieutenant Fireworker Anderson of the Artillery transferred to the Infantry.

111. We approve of the transfer here noticed.

(106) Army Cloathing Contract.

112. In signifying our approbation of your proceedings respecting the Contract for cloathing the Army, we cannot avoid noticing with much commendation, the precaution which was taken to ascertain the responsibility of the Securities

proposed by Mr. Kelso, before the Contract was finally concluded, a precaution which must be observed upon every occasion of Contract or otherwise where security is to be taken for the due performance of any engagement entered into with the Company by Individuals, especially in cases where the parties may be entrusted with the disbursement of public Money to any material amount.

(107 & 108) Transmitting proceedings of General Court's Martial and other documents.

113. Need no Reply.

Answer to the Letter in the Military Department
Dated 24th December 1798

(Para. 1) Mentions the date of the last dispatch.

(2) Acknowledges the receipt of the Court's Letters of the 2d & 14th March and 23d May 1798.

114. Need no Reply.

(3 to 61) In answer to the above Letters.

(62) Replying to Court's Orders respecting Lieut. Fireworker Fortnom.

(63 to 65) Relative to the Conduct of Major General Geils.

115. Our decision upon the conduct of Major General Geils will be communicated in our Dispatches to the Government of Madras, copies of which you will receive as usual.

(66 to 68) Regulations for allowing Pay to Officers selling Commissions in Kings Regiments in India, until the inferior Commission are filled up by purchase.

116. The only objection that occurs to us on this subject is that the Company pay for a Commission which is not filled up—but if this is conformable to the practice of His Majesty's Service we see no remedy for it.

(69) Six thousand Barres of Gunpowder to be sent to Madras.

117. Need no Reply.

(70) Pension on Lord Clive's Fund to the Widow of the late Lieut. R. Jones of the Madras Establishment to be in future paid in Bengal on account of Mrs. Jones's present residence being at Patna.

(71) Mentions that the Governor of Ceylon has at his request been acquainted with the Allowances drawn by the first Medical Servant on the Bengal Establishment.

(72) Mentions that the Governor of Ceylon had accepted an offer made by Major Barton for supplying several Gun Carriages for the defence of that Island.

(73) Advising of directions having been given for complying with several Indents from the Governor of Ceylon for various Articles of Military Stores &ca.

118. The amount of supplies of what nature soever, afforded by you to the Island of Ceylon, whether pecuniary or otherwise, must be carried to a distinct head upon your Books; and we direct that you transmit to us a separate account of such supplies as have been already issued since the capture of the Island, and an account from time to time of such as may be issued in future.

(74 & 75) Relative to the Claim of the Surgeon of the Camden on account of some Invalids which were embarked and afterwards re-landed.

119. Need no Reply.

(76) Claim of Captain Lukin of the London for allowances on account of Military brought from England.

(77) Mentions the offer of about forty Men of the Police Battalion, to proceed to the Coast, having been accepted.

(78) Advising the appointment of Major General Sir James Craig, the Senior Officer in the Field, to the general Command of the Troops serving in the Nabob Viziers Dominions.

(79) Mentions the admission of Mr. Hammond as a Cadet.

(80) At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, Eleven Companies of Golandauz or Native Artillery ordered to be raised—Expence stated.

120. When we refer to the opinion of the late Sir Eyre Coote in his Minute of August 1779 on the Army arrangements in which he entirely disapproves the Establishment of Golandauz Corps—when also we consider the positive prohibition contained in our separate Letter of the 21st September 1785 against raising such Corps, it is not without great hesitation and reluctance that we give our acquiescence to the Proposition of the Commander in Chief even as a temporary measure, the great deficiency in the European Artillery is of so much importance that we shall use our utmost exertions in pursuing the means for remedying this evil, and for removing the serious objection (for such we consider it) stated by the Commander in Chief as to the number of Foreigners now in this Corps, the subject has been submitted to the Right Hon'ble the President of the Board of Commissioners, and we trust through his interference we shall be able to send out in the ensuing Season an ample supply of European Recruits for our Artillery Service in India; in the mean time we think it necessary to direct that you do not recruit any casualties which may take place in the Corps of Golandauz as we are decidedly of opinion the Establishment of this

Corps as a permanent measure is highly impolitic.

(81) Advising of a Magazine Establishment at Allahabad equal to that which is allowed at Mongheer.

121. As in the opinion of the Commander in Chief a Magazine Establishment for the Fort of Allahabad was indispensably necessary for the care of the Stores we approve of your resolution in consequence.

(82 to 84) The Native Volunteers for foreign Service formed into three Battalions of ten Companies each, a Captain to command each Battalion &ca. &ca.

122. We approve of your Proceedings on the subjects advised in these Paragraphs.

(85 to 88) Staff Appointments to the Bengal Troops with the Nizam abolished—Paymaster appointed, and a Deputy Paymaster to the Troops at Hydrabad and in the Circars continued.

123. Your proceedings upon this subject have not yet been transmitted to us.

(89) Orders issued for raising two Regiments of Native Infantry.

(90 to 94) Calcutta Militia embodied.

124. We very much approve of the proclamation which was issued on the 29th October 1798, for embodying the Calcutta Militia for the security and defence of your Presidency. The Governor General in his Letter to us of 21st November 1798 having intimated an intention to establish this Corps upon a permanent foundation, as an institution from which great advantage may hereafter be derived, we expect to receive his Lordship's further sentiments upon this subject, as well as an account of the expence which the Company are likely to incur in consequence—The principal charges, at present, seem to be for Arms and Accoutrements, Cloathing for such of the Men as desire to be furnished with it at the public expence: the allowance

of Sa. Rs. (194) one hundred and ninety four P Month to an Adjutant and the usual Allowance to Drummers and Drill Serjeants.

(95 & 96) Referring to a Minute of the Governor General on some parts of the Court's Separate Letter of 6th June 1798, relative to the Army Arrangement—these points entered on the Proceedings published in General Orders.

125. Your Proceedings here referred to, relative to the formation of Corps and Regimental Promotion being in conformity to our Orders have our approbation.

126. In completing the Cavalry Corps to the new Establishment of Field Officers, we observe you promoted the two Majors of the former Establishment to Lieutenant Colonels and the four Senior Captains to Majors—these Officers are juniors to many of the Infantry Officers who remained unpromoted, but we conclude that this circumstance did not escape your attention when the measure was adopted, and that you found it expedient to make the Arrangement for the Cavalry in the manner here pointed out; we wish however to receive further explanation on this subject, as it occurs to us that by the introduction of some of the Infantry Officers of higher Rank into the Cavalry on the formation of the new Establishment for the latter Corps directed by our Letter of the 6th June 1798, the apparent hardship noticed above in regard to the Infantry Officers might have been obviated.

(97) Transfer of three Lieutenants of Infantry to the Cavalry as Cornets on their foregoing all pretensions to Rank in the Army from their being promoted to Lieutenants.

127. Having appointed twenty eight Cadets last Season specifically for the Cavalry Corps on your Establishment, we apprehend that by the transfers of Officers from the Infantry to fill up vacancies in the Cavalry, those Cadets will on their arrival experience considerable inconvenience and embarrassment by

remaining Supernumeraries for a length of time; unless therefore you shall have made any augmentations to your Cavalry Establishment which will provide for the Cadets appointed by us, you will take the subject into consideration and form such an arrangement as may relieve them from the disagreeable situation in which they will probably find themselves on their arrival.

(98) Messrs. Davies and Herbert admitted as Cadets.

128. Need no Reply.

(99 to 101) Noticing several temporary appointments.

(102) Troops proposed to be sent to Fort St. George.

(103 to 109) Gun Carriage Agency—Agent's application for advances refused.

129. For the reasons assigned in these Paragraphs we approve of your determination upon the Application of the Agent for Gun Carriages for an advance of Cash on account of Timbers purchased by him—In the discussion which took place upon this subject at the Military Board, the Adjutant General seems to confirm the sentiment expressed in the 61st Paragraph of our Military Dispatch of the 29th May 1799, respecting the duties of Commissary of Stores and the Agent for Gun Carriages being incompatible—We mean not, however, to give a decided opinion upon this subject until you have had a longer experience of the general effect of the present system, upon which point, in the 5th Paragraph of your Letter of the 28th August 1797, you have promised to afford us the necessary information—Until the Military Board shall have furnished you with the statement mentioned in the 96th Paragraph of

your Military Letter of the 29th August last, we shall not be able to form an opinion as to the propriety of the advance made to the Agent advised in the 95th Paragraph of that Dispatch.

(110) Repairs to the quarters of the Field Officers at Barrampore.

130. Need no reply.

(111) Twenty five Carts to be made up for the use of the Engineers Department.

(112 & 113) Compensation to Mr. Lyon.

131. Already replied to.

(114) Wooden Racks sufficient for 2360 Barrels of Gunpowder to be made up in the Magazine at Chunar.

132. Need no Reply.

(115) Repairs to the public buildings at Moneah.

(116 & 117) Repair of the Road leading from Calcutta to Dum Dum.

133. We very much approve of your determination not to admit any expence being incurred for the repair of the Road leading from Calcutta to Dum Dum beyond the established allowance.

(118) The Commander of an American Ship furnished with some powder and shot at the Invoice price, to enable him to defend his Vessel against an Enemy.

134. Need no Reply.

(119 to 121) Deficiency of Rum, laden on the Earl Wycombe for the use of the Presidency of Bombay and relanded in consequence of damages sustained by the Ship in attempting to prosecute her Voyage thither.

(122) Annual repairs to the public buildings in Fort William and outworks &ca.

(123) The Office of Brigade Major at Barrackpore to be rebuilt.

(124 & 125) Camp Equipage and Musquets to be shipped for Fort St. George.

(126 & 127) Report survey of the Powder Magazine at Duckensore—A Pucka Ghaut to be built for securing the bank of the River &ca.

(128) A Tank at Midnapore to be deepened and cleansed that the Troops and Followers at that Station may be supplied with fresh Water.

(129) The ground in the Fort of Mongheer to be cleansed, and some temporary buildings at Fort William to be repaired.

(130 to 132) The Ordnance Carriages to be painted with Prussian blue and white Lead instead of Patna blue.

135. As this new mode of painting the Ordnance Carriages is likely to be attended with no inconsiderable addition of expence, we direct that you acquaint us how the experiment has answered.

(133 to 135) An Hospital established at Allahabad.

136. For the reasons assigned in the Adjutant General's Letter of the 8th November 1798* we approve of your determination respecting the establishing an Hospital at Allahabad.

(136 to 138) Reward to Mr. Mallet for having been instrumental to the introduction of foreign Grasses—and relative to the purchase of his Implements of Husbandry.

137. Already replied to.

(139 to 143) Relative to the charges since the institution of the Company's Stud, expence for the Year 1798/9 estimated at Sa. Rs. 66,932, and referring to a suggestion of the Board of Superintendence for procuring some young Stallions from England.

*See Military Department Proceedings, 12 November 1798, No. 16.

(144 to 150) Advising several Appointments.

(151 to 156) Advising the resignation and return of Officers &ca.

(157) Interest on the unclaimed Shares of the Rohilla Donation 1774 paid to the Orphan Fund.

138. Need no Reply.

(158) Transmitting list of unpaid Shares of the reserved Fifth of that Donation and recommending its publication in the London Gazette.

139. We shall attend to your recommendation on this subject—we direct that you draw Bills on us at three months Sight and at 2s. 6d. the Sonat Rupee in favour of such of the Officers entitled to these Shares as are now living and in Europe, and in favor of the legal representatives of those who have left Bengal and are since deceased.

(159 & 160) Claim on the Estate of Mr. Henry Harvey discharged.

(161) The Widow of Lieut. Colonel Hearsay recommended for a Pension from the Military Fund.

140. Need no Reply.

(162 to 164) Surgeons at Civil Stations declared liable to contribute to the Orphan Fund.

141. We approve of, and confirm your Resolution upon the subject noticed in these Paragraphs.

(165) Mr. John Scawen late Military Auditor General allowed a Pension of Rupees (1,000) one thousand a month.

142. When you shall have communicated to us the Governor General's reasons for recommending an allowance of Sa. Rs. (1,000) one thousand Per Month to Mr. Scawen late Military Auditor General, we shall take the same into our consideration, but we must observe that the reasons for so considerable an allowance should have accompanied the recommendation.

143. Your short Letter of the 1st February 1799 on the subject of Indents for Military Stores will be replied to hereafter.

144. We have received your Letter in this Department of the 3d June 1799, respecting the alteration in the Pay of the European Troops on this Establishment in consequence of His Majesty's Warrant dated the 5th July 1797.

145. Our Orders of the 28th December 1798 on this subject were founded on His Majesty's Warrant of the 25th May 1797, the subsequent Warrant of the 5th July 1797 not being then before us—as your Proceedings are conformable to the latter, and for the reasons stated, we confirm the arrangement made by your Resolutions of the 15th February 1799.

146. In the progress of our beforementioned reply to your several Dispatches in the Military Department, you will have observed, that we have slightly passed over, or not made any remark at all upon such parts thereof as relate to various articles of Military expenditure for Buildings, repairs &ca trusting to your discretion that no such charges either have been or will be incurred unnecessarily. We deem it however proper to call to your recollection the directions contained in the 23rd Paragraph of our Separate Dispatch of 21st September 1785 "that before any material issue of Money be ordered on the head of Military charge (though recommended by the Military Board) the Supreme Council will consider it as a useful check against extravagance, if material Articles of Military expenditure are previously considered and reported upon by Officers whose situations and profession lead them to be particularly conversant in the knowledge of every article of Military expense."

147. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their Rank on your Establishment. Vizt.. Lieutenant Colonel James Pringle, Brevet Captains Harry Cheape, and James Mouatt.

148. Brevet Captain William Dick has requested payment of the Passage Money allowed by our Orders of the 6th June 1798 to Officers of his Rank proceeding to Europe on account of ill health, stating that his reason for not applying for it in Bengal, was that he thought his Brevet Rank precluded him from receiving the same, and it appearing to us that under Our said Orders he is entitled to the Passage Money granted to Subalterns, We direct that you pay the same to his Attorney or to himself when he returns to his duty provided it has not already been issued.

149. Mr. Arthur Dingwal Fordyce, one of the Cadets educated at the Military Academy at Woolwich at the Company's expence, having been reported to us properly qualified for a Commission, he proceeds as a Cadet for the Artillery or Engineer Corps at your Presidency on one of the Ships of this Season, and he is to rank next after Mr. John Heming Jones.

150. We observe you continue on the List of Surgeons the name of Mr. Robert Collins who came home in 1794, but as that Gentleman has made no application to us since the above Period, he is to be struck off the List.

151. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeons for your Presidency, vizt.,

Messrs. James Heriot	(of the Season 1796)
Henry Gibson	(Do. 1797)
John Carnegie	(Do. 1799)

Mr. Heriot is to rank first, and Mr. Gibson second on the List of the present Season. Mr. Carnegie's rank will be inserted in the general List.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends,
Hugh Inglis/D. Scott/G. W. Thellusson/Abra'm Robarts/Chas. Mills/George Tatem/Edw. Parry/ Joseph Cotton/Step. Lushington/ Jacob Bosanquet/William Thronton/W. Devaynes/Thos. T. Metcalfe/Paul Le Mesurier/R. Thornton.

London
the 7th May 1800.

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LETTER DATED 11 JUNE 1800

Furlough and retirement benefits for General Officer and Colonels of Regiments about to retire.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

Para. 1. Our last Letter in this Department was dated the 7th Instant.

2. We have permitted the following Military Officers to return to their rank on your Establishment Vizt., Lieutenant Colonel Peter Murray, Captain William Massey Baker, Captain Robert Haldane, Brevet Captain John Luther Richardson.

3. We have permitted the following Military Officers to remain in England until next Season, vizt., Captain John Ranken, Brevet Captains William Dick, James Macpherson, and Lieutenant Malcolm Macleod.

4. The following Persons have also obtained the like permission, Vizt., Surgeons James Laird, John Corse, and Assistant Surgeon Henry Bloomfield Keane.

5. The following Military Officers and Assistant Surgeon have been permitted to retire from our Service, Vizt., Major Genl. Charles Morgan and Assistant Surgeon James Fletcher.

You will therefore discontinue their names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

6. As Lieutenant Colonel Edmund Lambert, did not return to his duty under the Permission granted him in 1797/8 he is to be struck off the Army List.

7. We have resolved to appoint two Cadets this Season for the Infantry on your Establishment in addition to the number mentioned in our Letter of the 5th March last.

8. The General Officers and Colonels of Regiments who came home under the regulations of January 1796, having addressed us on the alteration in those Regulations, so far as concerns them, by the subsequent Orders contained in our separate Dispatches of the 6th June 1798, and requested to be relieved from the Operation of those Orders we have thought proper to comply in part with their request, and have agreed that such of the General Officers or Colonels abovementioned as have not retired from the Service, be indulged with the receipt of their Pay and Off-Reckonings during two Years and a half Furlough from the time they left the Presidency to which they belonged or any other of the Company's Settlement where they may have been on actual Service.

9. But if under the Control remaining with us we shall think proper to order any of the Officers abovementioned to return to their duty before the expiration of that period and they shall decline so doing we have determined that neither their Pay nor Offreckonings shall be subsequently authorised.

10. With respect to the General Officers or Colonels who have addressed us on this Subject but have since retired from the Service and will not therefore enjoy their Off Reckonings for two Years and a half before their retirement is notified in general Orders in India, we have agreed that they also shall be allowed their Off Reckonings for two Years and a half from the time of their quitting India as above.

11. We have also resolved that if any of the Officers who have addressed us and have not already retired from the Service should retire before the end of two Years and a half's Furlough as above, the Offreckonings of such Officers shall cease from the time of their retirement.

12. We have appointed the following Assistant Surgeon for your Presidency, in further part of the Number we this Season (1799) agreed to send thither, Vizt., Mr. John Holland.

13. Being satisfied that the return of Captain Lamington Baillie to his duty on your Establishment has been prevented by inevitable Accident, we have in conformity to the Act of the 33rd of His Present Majesty Chap. 52, Sec. 70, permitted him to proceed to his rank by one of the Ships of this Season, having obtained the consent and approbation of the Board of

Commissioners for the Affairs of India to Captain Baillie's return to the Company's Service.

14. We have permitted Mr. Richard James to proceed to your Presidency as Passenger on the Earl Spencer for the purpose of his being appointed a Cadet on your Establishment upon his attaining the Age prescribed by Act of Parliament. You will therefore cause him to be so appointed upon his producing the necessary Certificate or Affidavit of his Age, and assign him his rank agreeably thereto.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends
Hugh Inglis/D. Scott/J. Manship/ John Roberts/George Tatem/ Abra'm Robarts/Thos. Parry/ William Thornton/G. W. Thellusson/Robt. Thornton/Joseph Cotton/Step. Lushington/Jacob Bosanquet/Cha. Grant/Lionel Darell/ Thos. T. Metcalfe/Paul Le Mesurier/Chas. Mills.

London
the 11th June 1800.

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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1800

Rules regarding ranking of cadets—investigation into supply of unserviceable arms promised—furlough rules further explained.

Military Department

OUR Governor General in Council at Fort William in Bengal.

1. Our last Letter to you in this Department was dated the 11th June last.

2. We now reply to such Paragraphs of your Military Dispatches as we postponed answering in our Letter of the 7th May 1800—vizt. to the Military Letter of 13th March 1798, Paragraphs 149 and 169 to 171—15th May 1798, Paragraphs 21 to 26, 44 and 55—31st August 1798, Paragraphs 70 and 84—and 1st February 1799.

Letter 13th March 1798

(Para 149) Advising having lent Guns to the Lord Thurlow, for her homeward Voyage.

3. Needs no Reply.

(Para 169 to 171) Respecting Complaint made by Mr. Birch Chief Mate of the Britania against Mr. Carruthers a Cadet on the Bengal Establishment, and Passenger on that Ship.

4. We approve of your having sent home Mr. Carruthers, and upon further investigating the business, we have resolved that Mr. Carruthers should not be considered in the Company's Service.

Letter 15th May 1798

(Paras. 21 to 26) Stating their proceedings relative to the Rank of Mr. Thomas Russell White a Cadet and requesting the Court's directions relative to the Rank of Cadets who have held Commissions in His Majesty's Service.

5. Several years ago, (vizt. in 1768), we resolved that such Gentlemen proceeding to the several Presidencies that Season as Cadets, who had held Commissions in His Majesty's Service should be promoted in preference to all other Cadets of that Season, and according to the dates of their respective Commissions.

6. This Resolution was observed by us in ranking the Cadets for two Seasons only, but we understand that the rule has since been generally observed at Bengal, and that such Cadets who have held Commissions in His Majesty's Service, have accordingly had superior Rank assigned them: as it however appears in the instance of Mr. White, that Gentleman may have held Commissions, in His Majesty's Service for a short period, for the sole purpose of being placed at the head of the List of Rank in India, we have resolved that no Cadet shall be allowed a higher Rank than that assigned him by the Lists transmitted by us in each Season. It is our intention in forming those Lists to rank at the head of the same, such Gentlemen who shall actually have been for the space of *one Year at least,* a Commissioned Officer in His Majesty's Service, or in the Militia or Fencible Men when embodied, and have been called into actual Service, or have been in the Company of Cadets in the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

7. The above Resolution we mean to enforce in future, but by no means, to make any alteration in the Rank which has hitherto been assigned by you, to any Gentleman now in India.

8. The Rank of Cadets on the Lists of 1798 and 1799, which was forwarded by the Lord Walsingham and Earl Spencer, having been settled, before we had come to this determination, it is very probable that some of the Gentlemen may have borne His Majesty's Commission, and may expect superior Rank on their arrival in India, agreeably to the Custom at Bengal, we therefore in those Lists *only* admit of your assigning a higher Rank to such Gentlemen as shall appear clearly to your satisfaction, to have served actually one whole Year in His Majesty's service, as above mentioned.

9. Upon comparing the periods of Mr. White's holding a Commission in the 2nd Regiment of Tower Hamlet's Militia, with the dates of his being

approved by us, and of his proceeding on his Passage to India, we were led into a long investigation of the circumstances of his obtaining superior Rank in the Company's Service, and it appearing that although Mr. White did not apply for our Secretary's Certificate of his appointment until the 24th June 1797, he had been actually approved by us, as a Cadet on the 18th January preceding, and that he did not obtain a Commission in the 2nd Regiment of Tower Hamlet's Militia till some Months afterwards. We have resolved that as his Commission in the above Regiment, is of a date subsequent to that of his appearing before us, and being approved as a Cadet, he shall not possess any advantage above the Cadets of the same Season, who have not borne His Majesty's Commission, and that he shall therefore rank in the Army agreeably to the order in which his name stands on the List of Rank transmitted by us in the Season in which he was appointed.

(Para 44) Noticing the scarcity of small Arms.

10. Replied to, in a subsequent para. of this Letter.

(55) Stating that the Twine sent out, was too coarse for the general purpose of the Arsenal, and was also of a very inferior quality.

11. We shall give the necessary directions to prevent the like inconvenience in future.

Letter dated 31st August 1798

(Para 70) Transmitting Indent of Military Stores N. 1680.

12. This Indent has been complied with.

(84) Forwarding Returns of Arms in Store.

13. Needs no Reply.

Letter dated 1st February 1799

Transmitting an Indent N. 1319 for Military Stores for the use of Fort William and its Dependencies.

14. We have complied with this Indent in every respect, except in the Article of a Steam Engine, which is deferred for the present, and some of the Iron Guns and the Sadlery.

Letter dated 29th August 1799

(Paras. 154, 161 to 165). relative to the Arms received by the Tellicherry, Caledonia, Contractor and Malabar.

15. As it is our especial direction that the greatest care and attention be always observed, not only in the Inspection, but in the Package of the Small Arms sent to India, we are much surprised at the indifferent state in which a part of those sent you by the Tellicherry, Caledonia, Contractor and Malabar were received, more especially, as a Number of Arms manufactured in the same Season for the Company's Service, were delivered

over to Government, and not any Complaints of their Materials or Workmanship, have been received from His Majesty's Officers.

16. The unserviceable Arms which you advised having returned on the Phoenix being received, they shall be very particularly examined, and the result communicated to you at a future opportunity.

17. You may however rest assured, that an investigation into this matter, shall be made with the utmost attention, and we shall act in such a manner with regard to any Persons who may have been culpable, as we trust will prevent such Abuses in future. You acted in conformity to your duty in laying the information so accurately before *us*.

18. It having been impracticable to accommodate the whole of the Cadets proceeding to Madras and Bombay last Season 1799/1800, on the Ships consigned to those Presidencies, several of them took the Passage on the Bengal Ships, whence they are to be directed to proceed to their Duty by the earliest opportunity.

19. As this did not arise from any fault in the Cadets who took this circuitous passage, but merely from the want of Accommodation in the Madras and Bombay Ships, we agreed to allow each of them, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to defray the expense of proceeding from Bengal to Madras or Bombay, and we further consented to their drawing their Pay (but no other Allowance) from the arrival of the Ships in Bengal, to the arrival of the Cadets at Madras or Bombay, provided they used every possible dispatch in proceeding to their Duty at those Presidencies. We also resolved that the period of their Service might be considered as commencing from their arrival at Bengal.

20. You will therefore on their Arrival, issue the necessary orders on these Subjects, the Passage Money as above, may be either received at Bengal or the Presidency to which they belong, as the Cadets prefer. You will of course forward Certificates to the other Presidencies of any payments you make on the foregoing Accounts.

21. Lists of the Cadets proceeding as above, were forwarded in the Packets of the Lord Walsingham and Earl Spencer.

22. We have appointed Mr. William Woody an Assistant Surgeon for your Presidency, on the List of the present Season (1799) and have ranked him next below Mr. Henry Gibson.

23. Having observed that in some instances, Officers who had received the benefit of the Regulations respecting Furlough, had soon after their return to their duty in India, applied for, and obtained further Furlough, we directed that the Pay to such Officers should be withheld after three Years receipt of such Pay, unless in cases of certified ill health.

24. As the Regulations do not appear to have been understood by the Governments in India, in the manner above stated, it may seem a

hardship in some instances, to Officers who have been permitted to come home on a second Furlough, under an implied sanction for drawing their Pay, if they are not allowed such Pay during their second Furlough, although the Pay altogether drawn, may not exceed three Years—but in order to prevent the Regulations from being misunderstood in future, we have resolved that no Officer who has drawn three Years pay on Furlough, shall be allowed any further pay, on being permitted to come home again on Furlough hereafter, unless in cases of Sickness, under the prescribed Certificates.

25. The following Military Officers and Surgeons, have been permitted to retire from our Service vizt., Lieutenant Colonels Thomas Welsh and Patrick Douglas and Samuel Cox; Major Joseph Channing; and Brevet Captains John Macdonald, and John Toppin; Surgeons John Corse, and Stephen Matthews.

You will therefore discontinue their Names in the List of our Army on your Establishment.

26. We have permitted the following Military Officers to remain in England, till next Season, vizt., Major James Hunter, Captain Samuel Denny.

27. Enclosed, you will receive a Copy of an Order of His Majesty's Most Hon'ble Privy Council, licensing the Company to export sundry Garrison, Ordnance and Naval Stores, and also Provisions, and directing the return of Certificates for those landed, you will therefore be careful to furnish us with the Certificates which are required of such Stores as shall be landed at your Presidency, that we may avoid the heavy Penalties to which we are liable, if the Bonds given to the Crown on this occasion, should be put in Suit, taking care that the Certificates contain an exact Copy of the Indorsement of the Cockets sent by the Ships whereon such Stores are laden, and not the particular Contents of each Package.

28. Under the peculiar circumstances of the Case of Alexander McWain, late a Soldier in the Company's Service, who being invalided, was sent to England on the Osterley, and has been allowed a Pension of £ 7-4-5¼ Pr Annum, from the Military Fund; we have returned him to your Presidency on the Country Ship Thetis, at the Company's expense, and direct that his Pension be paid to him there.

29. We further direct that Native Soldiers claiming the Pension, be not sent to Europe.

We are,

Your Affectionate Friends,

Hugh Inglis/D. Scott/J. Manship/George Tatem/Edw. Parry/Thos. Parry/Joseph Cotton/Step. Lushington/G. W. Thellusson/Jacob Bosanquet/Abram Robarts/Chas. Mills/S. Toone/William Thornton.

London,
the 28th August 1800.

LETTERS TO COURT

LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1797

Date of appointment in Europe to be considered for brevet promotions —army appointments—proposed establishment of cavalry cantonment at Moneah—disbursement of off-reckoning funds.

Military Department

To the Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. We had the honor of addressing your Hon'ble Court, in this Department, on the 31st of December last, a copy of our letter, and a continuation of our Proceedings to this date, are now forwarded to you.

Consn. 20th Feby. Nos. 46 to 50

2. In carrying into effect the new Military Arrangements of the 8th January 1796, notwithstanding every possible care was taken to preserve uniformity at the three Presidencies, some difference has arisen in the promotion of Subalterns to the rank of Captain by Brevet, the Subalterns at Madras who were appointed Cadets in Europe in the Season of 1781, having been included in the promotion, whilst the Subalterns of this Establishment who were nominated Cadets in Europe in the same season, were omitted in the promotion made by us.

3. On a reconsideration of the Circumstances of the case, we were of Opinion, that in calculating the period of Service of Subalterns for the purpose of ascertaining their pretensions, to the Brevet rank of Captains, in consequence of your orders of the abovementioned date, their service should be held to commence from the Season of which they were denominated Cadets by your Hon'ble Court, without reference to the time of their Arrival in the Country, and that the Regulation of 1779, quoted in the Deputy Adjutant General's Letter recorded on our Proceedings of the 20th February, could only have been meant to apply to the period from which Cadets arriving from Europe should draw pay, and it was never intended to affect their Rank or Promotion; it having frequently happened, that Cadets have been promoted to the Rank of Officers before their Arrival in the Country.

4. In adopting this opinion, we have been influenced by the Consideration, that if any other rule were established, it might lead to insurmountable difficulties, by giving a Claim to Junior Officers' to the Brevet Promotion before their Seniors, which could not be [*sic*] possibly be admitted.

5. On these grounds, we have resolved to extend the Brevet Promotion which already includes the Country Cadets of this Presidency of 1781, to the Appointments made in Europe in the same Season, and the Provincial Commander of the Army, has been called upon for the list of the Officers entitled to promotion under this Resolution.

Consn. 9th Jany. No. 21

6. We transmit to your Hon'ble Court a number in the Packet, a representation from Captain Lieutenants Exshaw and Greene of the Artillery, who were promoted to that Rank under the new Arrangements, stating it as a hardship their being commanded on general duty, by some of the Brevet Captains who were also promoted to that Rank under those Arrangements, and whose army Rank, as Captains, commences from the same date as that of the two Officers abovementioned.

Consn. 9th Jany. No. 22

7. We have only to observe on this Subject, that in carrying your Orders into effect, it appeared to us proper to date the Commissions of all Officers promoted in conformity to them, from the same period, (with the exceptions of Commissions granted in consequence of his Majesty's general Brevets) leaving the relative rank of the Officers, when on general duty, to be determined by the invariable practice in his Majesty's Service, of reverting to former Commissions, as clearly pointed out in the Orders of the Commander in Chief alluded to by Captain Lieutenants Greene & Exshaw, a copy of which accompanies their Letter.

8. Since the date of our last advices, Captain G. A. Robinson has obtained our permission to proceed to Europe on furlough.

8a. For the merits and Services of Captain Robinson, We beg leave to refer you to the Governor General's Minute transmitted a Number in the Packet, in the Sentiments expressed in which we entirely concur.

Appointments, Removals, & Officers Returning to Europe on Furlough

Consn. 23rd Jany.

9. In consequence of the departure of Sir Robert Abercromby to Columbo, and eventually for Europe we have appointed Major General Charles Morgan, to the Provincial Command of the Army until further orders and allowed him a Secretary to assist in carrying on the Military details.

Consn. 6th Jany.

10. We have granted Staff allowances to Major General Erskine, as Commander of the Detachment proceeding to the Southward, and have nominated Captain J. Hume, an Officer attached to one of the Corps composing the Detachment to the Office of Paymaster and Commissary of Bazars to the Detachment, with a Salary including the Pay, Batta, and gratuity of his rank, of 1000 Rupees, and a Monthly Sum of 500 Rupees as an Establishment of Office.

11. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court, to our Proceedings noted in the Margin, for the several Rules and Regulations laid down by us, respecting the Pay &ca. to the Native Troops of General Erskine's Detachment, and also for enabling them to make remittances to their families during their absence, and for the Management of the Buzars.

Consn. 6th Jany.

12. We also beg leave to refer you to our Proceedings of the 9th January, for the detail of the Instructions given to Major General Erskine Commanding the Detachment.

13. At the recommendation of the Provincial Commander of the Army we appointed Captain Henry White, to raise recruits for completing the Native Regiments to the War Establishment, with the same Allowance as were granted to him whilst he was employed in recruiting for the Madras Army.

Consn. 27th Jany.

14. We have made the following Appointments since the date of our last advices:

Major William Scott to be Adjutant General, with the Official rank of Lieutenant Colonel, vice Lieut. Coll. Peter Murray resigned.

Brevet Captain Samuel Scott, to be deputy Adjutant General with the official Rank of Major.

Brevet Captain R. McGregor to be Persian Interpreter in the Field vice Scott.

Mr. John Scawen to be Military Auditor General vice Sir John Murray resigned.

Lieutenant F. Corfield to be deputy Auditor General.

Lieutenant G. Downie to be 1st Assistant Military Auditor General's Office, vice Robinson.

Brevet Captain C. Fraser, to be	Garrison Store Keeper.
Lieutenant J. Dowell	1st Assistant in the Arsenal.
Ensign J. Blunt Engineers	2nd Do.
Ensign Blunt	2nd Assistant Surveyor General's Department.
Ensign F. Wood of Engineers	4th Do.

Lieutenant George Cornish 76th Regiment regulating Officer of the Calcutta European Militia.

Mr. William Farquharson, a Member of the Board of Superintendence for improving the Breed of Cattle, vice Sir John Murray.

15. We have appointed Lieutenant Colonel Roberts Persian Interpreter and Aid du Camp, and Captain H. F. Calcraft Secretary and Aid du Camp to the Vice President and Deputy Governor of Fort William. Lieutenant Colonel Roberts as Persian Interpreter, is to draw the Monthly Salary of 666-10-8 being the allowance fixed for the Persian Interpreter to the Commander in Chief, and

Consn. 30th Jany.

Captn. Calcraft as Secretary, Sa. 800 P month, being the Salary granted to Major Kirkpatrick when appointed to a similar situation on the 12th August 1793. These Officers will also be entitled to receive the fixed Allowances as aid du camp.

Consn. 2nd Jany.

16. Captn. Pearson of Engineers, who was appointed by us to succeed eventually to [*sic*] Ensign J. McDonald as Engineer at Fort Marlbro', has embarked for that Residency on the Europa. We have fixed Captain Pearson's Salary, as Officer in charge of the Works, at 400 Rupees P. Month, which however is not to commence until his Arrival at Fort Marlbro'.

17. We have also authorized Captain Pearson to draw Monthly, when employed executively, 161 Rupees for Instruments, Stationery &ca. according to the Regulations.

Consn. 3rd Feby. Nos. 9 to 13

18. Captn. Lieutenant R. Murray, who holds the Appointment of Agent for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry, having obtained permission to return to Europe for the recovery of his Health, we have appointed Brevet Captain Salkeld, to succeed Captain Murray as Agent for the purchase of Horses for the Cavalry for which duty this Officer has been reported to us by the Provincial Commander of the Army to be well qualified.

19. We have great pleasure in noticing to you, the sense expressed by the Commander in Chief of Captain Murray's Zeal, and Exertion in his late appointment of Agent for the purchase of Horses.

20. It having been represented to us, that an encrease of the price allowed for Horses for the Cavalry will be requisite, in order to enable the Agent to procure Cattle of sufficient Strength and bone for mounting Europeans, we have availed ourselves of the Governor General's presence in the Upper Provinces, to request that he will ascertain, whether any & what Augmentation in the present price now allowed which is Rupees 400, will be necessary. We shall hereafter communicate to you his Sentiments on the Subject.

21. We have the honor to transmit a number in the Packet, Triplicate Copies of the Certificates of Pay to Officers, which we forwarded with our last dispatch, and we now subjoin a list of the Names of such Officers, as have proceeded to England since that period, duplicates of whose pay Certificates, also form a number in the Packet.

Coll. Sir Jno. Murray Bart.
Lieut. Coll. Peter Murray.
Major R. Ogle.
Captn. Lieut. R. Murray.
Brevet Captn. J. Rankin.
" G. A. Robinson.
" H. M. D'Estere.
" William Franklin.

Brevet Captn. H. Cheap.
" R. Willoughby.
Lieut. R. Lambert.
" J. Mouat of Engineers.
" Thos. Fortnom Arty. [Artillery].
" R. Grove Do.
Lieut. F. Wr. James Auhmuty.
Mr. W. F. Gardner Surgeon.

Military Board, Buildings & Agencies

22. From our Proceedings of the 16th December last, your Hon'ble Court will observe, that we resolved to establish a grand Cavalry Cantonment at Moneah on the Banks of the Soane to consist of Barracks for one Regiment of European, and two Regiments of Native Cavalry, Bungalows for the Officers of the three Regiments, and Stables for the three Regiments.

23. With a view to the saving, that would have arisen from accommodating the Officers of the Cavalry with Quarters in those Cantonments, as far as might be practicable, we were solicitous to obtain a proper Spot in the Vicinity of them, but after the most careful survey of the Adjacent Country, no eligible spot could be found, nearer than Moneah. The ground fixed upon by Major General Forbes, and Lieutenant Colonel Black at that place, has been ordered to be purchased.

24. Previous to determining whether the Cantonment should be built by Contract or Agency, we desired the Military Board, to furnish us with an estimate of the Expence of building the Barracks on the same plan, as those erected for the Cavalry at Cawnpore.

Consn. 6th Jany. No. 19

25. The Military Board furnished two estimates of the Expence, One amounting to Rupees 5,48,900-14- on the supposition, that the Buildings were to be Pucka, and the other to Rupees 4,24,387-7- on the presumption of their being constructed of Cutcha Work, recommending however in the event of these Cantonments being intended to be permanent, that the whole should be built of Pucka Work, as being ultimately more œconomical, from its greater durability.

Consn. 9th Jany.

26. The expected arrival of the European Regiments of Cavalry, and the Progress made in completing the 3rd Native Regiments, rendering it necessary, that the Cantonments should be completed with all practicable dispatch, we determined in consideration of this Circumstance, and of the Nature of the Buildings to be constructed, added to our conviction that the Work would be executed with the greatest Skill and œconomy, to commit the Building of the Cantonments, to the Deputy Quarter Master General Major Pringle,

under the Superintendance of the Quarter Master General, limiting the Expence to the estimated Amount, exclusive of Commission: instead of Advertizing for proposals of Contract.

Consn. 6th Jany. Nos. 21 & 22

27. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we have authorized the Public Buildings at the Station of Futtyghur to be repaired, limiting the Expence to Rs. 8,287-1-10 the Amount of the Estimate, exclusive of the Bankshall, which the Deputy Quarter Master General, has been authorized either to repair at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 440 or to rebuild it at the estimated Charge of Rs. 4,409-8- should he after a careful personal inspection of that building, find it necessary to erect a new one.

Consn. 13th Jany. Nos. 27 & 28

28. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we have also authorized the repairs of the Public Buildings at Cawnpore, (the Cavalry Stables excepted) at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 7,694-10-6 according to the Estimates of the Deputy Quarter Master General.

Consn. 13th Jany. No. 22

29. In consequence of Tents having been allowed to the Native Corps, we have agreed at the recommendation of the Military Board, that the Quarter Masters of Native Regiments shall be allowed Sixty Rupees Pr Month, for repairing the Public Camp Equipage, supplying Straw, Pins, Mallets, Camp lines, and Camp Colors; and that the Quarter Masters of Native Cavalry, shall receive twenty Rupees P Month for the same purposes. These encreased allowances however are not to be drawn, until the Corps shall be in possession of their Tents.

Consn. 23rd Jany. No. 3

30. As an Addition of 10 Lascars to the Quarter Master's Establishment, of a Regiment of Native Infantry will be necessary, when marching for the purpose of packing and loading the Sepoys' Tents &ca. we have authorized the Addition of that Number to the Quarter Master's Establishment of the 4th and 10th Native Regiments, forming part of the Detachment under the Command of Major General Erskine.

Consn. 13th Jany. Nos. 34 to 36

31. We have acquiesced in the recommendation of the Military Board, to allow a distinct temporary Establishment of Armourers, and Gun Stockers, at the Monthly Expence of Sicca Rupees 752 to be employed in the Arsenal under the Commissary of Stores, in making up such of the Old Muskets and Pistols as shall be found reparable, and that can be made sufficiently serviceable for Sebundy Corps or Shipping.

32. We have directed a regular report, to be made to us of the Work performed by this temporary Establishment.

33. We beg leave to point out to the Notice of Your Hon'ble Court, the very great deficiency of Small Arms in our Arsenal, as stated in the Indent

No, 1009, which we received from the Military Board, and forwarded to you by the Cornwallis.

34. We are more particularly solicitous to draw your Attention to this deficiency, as we have reason to suppose that no small Arms have been sent to this Presidency on the Ships of the present Season.

Consn. 16th Jany. No. 16

35. The Military Board have recommended to us, the building of Stone & Wooden Sentry Boxes in the Fort of Chunar, which we have agreed to, limiting the Number to Twenty six of Wood and twelve of stone, the expence of the former not to exceed Sonaut Rupees One Hundred each, and that of the latter Sonat Rupees Sixty five each, being the Estimated prices.

36. In the 64th Paragraph of our Letter of the 31st December last, we informed your Hon'ble Court, that we had given Authority for making up 1,000 Cotts for the use of the Troops expected from Europe. These Cotts were made up for the Station of Berhampore.

37. At the Recommendation of the Military Board, we have granted Authority for a farther supply of 1,000 Cotts being made up for the Garrison of Fort William limitting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 6-8-10 each, according to the Estimate.

Consn. 23rd Jany. Nos. 32 to 40

38. The Military Board having recommended the customary Buildings for the Accommodation of the Calcutta Native Militia, we have authorized the Construction of them limiting the Expence of the whole, to Sa. Rs. 4028-12 the Estimated Amount.

Consn. 23rd Jany. Nos. 41 to 44

39. We have also authorized the making of two Wells for the Use of the Hospital at Midnapore, at Sicca Rupees Two hundred each.

40. The Military Board have transmitted to us a Copy of a Proof Report of Ordnance, together with their Minutes on the Subject, and requested that we would notice to your Hon'ble Court the defects of the Ordnance stated in the Report, you will observe that they have suggested the Establishment of a Board of Military Officers in England to superintend the provision of Military Stores, for the Service of the Company's Settlements in India, and also repeated their Recommendation for your Establishing a Manufactory for Small Arms in England.

41. For the particular defects in the Ordnance, & the Sentiments at large of the Military Board on the Subject, we beg to refer you to our Proceedings noted in the Margin.

42. The pieces of the Guns burst in the proof, as proposed by the Military Board, will be sent to England by one of the Ships now under dispatch.

Hospital Board

43. The Hospital Board have informed us that twenty Assistant Surgeons will be required for this Presidency for the Year 1798/9.
Consn. 9th Jany.

44. We have received from the Hospital Board a report made by the Head Surgeon at Cawnpore, of the favorable effects experienced from Baths lately constructed at the Hospital there, and recommending that an Establishment of Servants, and Firewood be allowed on that account, at the Monthly Expence of Sicca Rupees Sixtyone, which we have authorized.
Consn. 27th Jany.

Miscellanea

45. In the 96th Paragraph of our letter of the 31st December last, we noticed to your Hon'ble Court, the Governor General's Minute respecting the Agreement with the Owners of the Ship Laurell, taken up for the defence of the Trade of the Port. For the particulars of the Agreement we beg leave to refer you to our Proceedings noted in the Margin.
Consn. 6th Jany. Nos. 23, 24, & 25

46. We agreed to grant suitable Pensions to the Widow and Families of the Commanders, Officers, & Crews of the Laurell & Ganges, who might be killed, or die in consequence of Wounds received in the Service, or who might be disabled in it. We also agreed to give up to the Captors the Company's Share of the Property which might be captured by the Ships.

47. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we made a small Alteration in the Establishment of our Regiments of Native Cavalry, by adding Havildar & Naick to, & taking two Troopers from, each Troop.
Consn. 9th Jany. No. 3

48. We have also agreed at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, to augment the Companies of Gun Lascars in the Field, at Dinapore, & when detached on Service, to Seventy Men each Company.
Consn. 9th Jany.

49. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we have agreed to allow two 3 pods. [Pounders] to be attached to the Ramghur Battalion, with an European Gunner or Matross, Eight Sepoys trained to the Gun exercise, one Tindal and Twelve Khalassies to each Gun; and have authorized Major Marshall the Commanding Officer to add two Sepoys to each of his Companies.
Consn. 13th Jany. Nos. 43 & 44

50. From our Proceedings of this date, your Hon'ble Court will observe, that in consequence of an Application from Messrs. Cockerell Trail & Co., as attornies to the Heirs of the late Captn. R. Kerr of this Establishment, we agreed to make over the Amount of the deceased's property lodged in the General
Consn. 16th Jany. No. 27

Havildar of Bengal Native Infantry

Treasury to the Attornies, Vizt. Rupees 1,363-4-5 in Cash and 3,017-3-11 in Company's Paper.

51. On the distribution of a reserved part of the Donation given by the Vizier to the Army that served in the Action against the Rohillas in October 1794* the Sum of Sicca 1,839 appeared due to the Estate of late Lieut. J. Plumer of this Establishment, which we agreed to remit to Mr. J. Plumer of.... the Father of the deceased, and accordingly drew Bills on your Hon'ble Court, for the Amount, the first set of which was forwarded by the Cornwallis, as you were advised by a letter addressed by our directions to your Secretary.

Consn. 16th Jany. No. 7

52. At the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, as contained in a Minute left by him with the Governor General, and recorded on our Proceedings of the 30th January, we came to the following Resolutions.

53. First that as the Captains and Officers in Command of Companies of Artillery have exclusive of their European Companies of Lascars attached to them, the Rolls of which they are to prepare, and of which they are to adjust the Payments, without the assistance of any person in the capacity of pay Havildars 50 Rupees P Month, granted for repairs of Arms and Stationary to Officers Commanding Companies of Artillery, be augmented to 60 Rupees P Month.

54. 2nd By the late Regulations received from your Hon'ble Court, the Off Reckonings of the Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry shall be thrown into one aggregate Fund and divided equally between Colonels of Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry. As a Colonel had not been fixed to the Cavalry nor to one of the Battalions of Artillery, nor to the 1st Regiment of Europeans nor to the 12th Regiment of Sepoys, it might have become a question what Officers were to receive the Offreckonings on Account of these Corps were only temporarily posted to them, it seemed most equitable that the Division should be made Amongst the Colonels who might permanently be fixed to the Command of the Cavalry Battalions of Artillery, Regiments of European and Native Infantry, whenever that would be done, we therefore ordered the Division to be made accordingly.

55. 3rd That the Offreckonings of the Battalions of Native Invalids, the Marine Battalion, the Ramghur Battalion, and the Bhauglepore Rangers should be kept distinct from the General Fund, and separate from each other, and the surplus is at present appropriated to the respective Commanding Officers.

56. That the Offreckonings of the Company of Artillery Invalids, and the Corps of European Infantry Invalids should also be kept distinct. The surplus of the Offreckonings, of the Artillery Invalid Company to be appropriated to the Invalid Officer appointed to the Command of it, provided he should be of the rank of Field Officer or Captain. The surplus of the

*The reference is obviously to the dlistribution of the Rohilla Donation and not to Rohilla War of 1774.

Offreckonings of the Corps of the European Infantry Invalids to be appropriated to the Invalid Field [Officer] who might be appointed to the Command of it. But if there should be no Field Officer in the Command, actually on the Invalid Establishment, the Surplus to be thrown into the General Fund; and the same in regard to the Surplus of the Offreckonings of the Artillery Invalid Company, when there is neither a Field Officer nor a Captain actually upon the Invalid Establishment, appointed to the Command.

57. That Captain put on the Pension List, should receive full pay and half Batta, instead of half pay and half Batta.

58. An application was preferred to us by Lieut. Moreland Adjutant to his Majesty's 76th Regiment soliciting the same allowances which we granted to the Adjutants of the Company's European Battalions as noticed in the 31st Paragraph of our Letter of the 31st December last; and as we considered Lieutenant Moreland equally entitled to the same Indulgence, we agreed that he should receive 100 Rupees P Month in addition to his present Staff pay.

Consn. 10th Feby. Nos. 16 to 19

59. A representation was made to us by the Major Barton Commanding a Detachment of Bengal Artillery now on duty at Columbo, stating that by the Table of Pay forwarded by your Hon'ble Court with the New Military Arrangements for the Madras Army, the Officers of that Establishment received higher pay in their respective Ranks, than the Bengal Officers belonging to his Detachment, and soliciting that we would put him and the Rest of the Officers from this Establishment, on a footing in point of pay with the Officers on the Coast.

60. A Reference was also made to us by the Madras Government, stating the disadvantages of Major Barton and his officers, compared with that of the Madras Officers, with regard to pay, observing at the same time that by the new Table of Pay for their Army, the Bengal pay bore a relative Value with that of Madras at the Exchange of 320 Sonat Rupees per 100 Star Pagodas.

61. We have in consequence agreed that the Bengal Officers serving on the Coast, shall receive pay in the Currency there at the above Exchange, instead of 364-13-10 Sonat Rupees P 100 Pagodas as formerly.

Consn. 20th Feby. No. 1

62. The Military Auditor General having applied to us to know from what period the Arrears of King's pay should be allowed to his Majesty's 27th Regiment of Light Dragoons, and not having received any Information on the Subject from your Hon'ble Court, we authorized the Arrears to be paid on the Production of a Certificate from the Agent of the Regiment, stating the Period to which they had received pay in England.

63. We have resolved that his Majesty's Regiments shall receive the Company's Allowances from the time of their arrival at Fort William, according to a Resolution of this Government under date the 26th July 1785, and not from an earlier period.

Consn. 20th Feby. Nos. 2 & 3

64. The Governor General having suggested at the recommendation of the Provincial Commander of the Army that the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry should be immediately raised, directions for that purpose were given accordingly.

65. Mrs. Macnamara the Widow of the late Captn. S. C. Mc.Namara of this Establishment has accompanied an Application for the Pension with the Affidavit required respecting the property of her late Husband, and altho' she has not produced the Certificate of her Marriage, from having lost or mislaid it, yet as the Supreme Court of Judicature in late trial recognized her as the lawful Wife of Captain Mc.Namara, we beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Mc.Namara be admitted by your Hon'ble Court to the benefit of Lord Clive's Fund, according to the Rank of her late Husband.

Consn. 24th Feby. Nos. 22 to 24

66. We have agreed to send such of the invalids now in Fort William as are destined for Europe by the Extra Ships under dispatch on the Charter party terms allowed by the Company. Lists of their Names and Rank form a Number in the Packet.

Consn. 24th Feby. Nos. 60 to 62

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
the 27th February 1797
Per Alexander

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LETTER DATED 6 MARCH 1797

Charges against Capt. William Wiloughby.

Military Department

TO The Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Since closing our letter of the 27th Ultimo, We have received the Proceedings of a Court of Enquiry which we directed to assemble for the purpose of investigating Charges preferred by Captain Bunburey of his

Majesty's 25th Regiment of Dragoons, against Captain William Willoughby Commander of the Ship Thomas, for not having provided the requisite Supply of Provisions for the detachment of that Regiment in its passage from the Cape to Bengal.

2. We now forward a Copy of the Proceedings to your Hon'ble Court, and have no hesitation in offering it as our Opinion that the Reasons assigned by Captain Willoughby for not having laid in a sufficient Stock of Provisions for the Troops on board of his Ship, are altogether unsatisfactory. It will therefore remain for your Hon'ble Court to take such steps as you may deem proper with respect to Captain Willoughby, and also for preventing similar neglect in future by the Commanders of Ships in which Troops may be embarked for this Country.

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
the 6th March 1797.
Per Alexander

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LETTER DATED 13 MARCH 1797

Europeans not allowed to settle in Oudh in private capacity—contractor of Fort William barracks not penalised for delay—claimants to Rohilla donation—increased table allowance for Penang commander—appointments, promotions and furlough—answer to grievances of surgeons.

Military Department

To The Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Since our last letter, under date the 27th of February, a Duplicate of which is now forwarded to your Hon'ble Court, We have had the honor to receive your Military Letters of the 27th July and 5th of August 1796, by the Pitt, with the several Papers mentioned in the Lists of Packet.

Answer to the Military Letter,
dated 27th July 1796

Para.1. Date of the last Dispatch. Para. 2d. Acknowledging the receipt of the Military letter by the Camilla.	2d. Need no Reply.

Para. 3d. Referring to the orders contained in the 31st Paragraph of the letter of the 15th January 1796, respecting the new Military Arrangements.

Para.4th. Respecting Officers who may be compelled to return to Europe &ca. and the Officers to be posted to Corps in the new Arrangements.

Para. 5th. Advising that Officers who left India prior to the Season 1795, are only allowed the pay of the Rank they held when they quitted India &ca.

Para.6th. Directing the Commissions to Officers promoted under the new Regulations to be dated the 8th January 1796.

Para.7th. Restricting the pay of Officers to the period at which the Arrangements were carried into effect.

Para.8th. Forwarding Certificates of Pay issued to Officers in England.

Para. 9th. Respecting the examination of Pay Certificates.

Paras.10 & 11. Advising of several Officers who have been permitted to retire.

Para.12th. Officers permitted to return to India.

Para.13th. Communicating the Appointment of Mr. C. Cornish to be an Asst. Surgeon.

Para.14th. Advising of the eventual Appointment of Major General Hartley to be Commander in Chief at Bombay.

Para.15th. Transmitting a Memorial in behalf of Lieutenant Robert Carruthers.

3d. These Paragraphs have been published in Orders to the Army, and in conformity to the directions contained in the 6th and 7th Paragraphs We have recalled the Commissions issued in consequence of the new Arrangements, which were dated on the 1st of June, that new Commissions may be prepared giving Rank to the Respective Officers from the 8th of January 1796, but without the pay or allowance of the Superior Rank previous to the period at which the arrangements were carried into effect.

4th. Need no Reply.

5th. These Paras have been published.

6th. These Paras have been published.

7th. Need no Reply.

8th. Having for the reasons assigned in the Governor General's Minute recorded on the Proceedings

of the 6th of March 1795, determined not to permit in future any person not in the Service of His Majesty, or the Hon'ble Company, to settle in the Provinces of the Nabob Vizier, we considered ourselves precluded from recommending a Compliance with the Prayer of the Memorial, on behalf of Lieutenant Robert Carruthers.

Para. 16th. Advising the Appointment of Mr. J. F. Carr to be a Cadet.

Para. 17th. Communicating the Appointment of Mr. F. Walters to be a Cadet.

9th. We have not yet obtained the necessary Information regarding J. F. Carr, and Mr. F. Walters, to enable us to determine on the propriety of publishing their Appointments to your Service.

Para. 18th. Transmitting an Extract of a letter from Doctor J. Hunter respecting Medicines and Indents for Medicines.

10th. We have furnished the Hospital Board with the Extract of Doctor John Hunter's Letter, and directed that particular attention be paid to its Contents.

Answer to the Military Letter from the Hon'ble Court dated 5th of August 1796

Para 1st. Informing of the date of their last dispatch.

Para 2d. Containing the dates of the letters to which the Court mean to reply.

11. Require no Relpy.

Para 3d. ....

Para 4th. Relative to the Bombay Marine.

12. Our final Resolutions on the Subject of this Paragraph were communicated to your Hon'ble Court in our Letter of the 31st December last.

Para 5th. Advising that the new Military Regulations have been already transmitted.

13. Needs no Reply.

Para 6th. Relative to the Plan for establishing a fund for the Widows & Orphans of Native Officers and Sepoys.

14. We have called upon the Military Board to state the cause of the failure of this Plan.

Para 7th. Approving of the Medical Arrangements.

15. Require no Reply.

8th. ....

Para 9th. Approving of the Proceedings relative to the Plan for encreasing and improving the breed of Horses and also, of the Salary of the Superintendent "having been encreased from 200 to 300 Rupees Pr. Month as advised in your Military letter of the 8th March 1795."

16. We have transmitted a Copy of this Paragraph to the Board of Superintendence.

We beg leave to notice to your Hon'ble Court, that in thus expressing your approval of the Salary given to the Superintendent, the Salary given by us to the *Cavalry Agent* and communicated in our Letter of the 8th March 1795, is here quoted, instead of that given to the Superintendent of the Stud.

Para 10th. ....

17th. Need no Reply.

Para 11th. Approving of Colonel Popham having been brought upon the full pay of his Rank on the Death of Colonel White.

Para 12th. Concurring in Opinion with us respecting the two points contained in Colonel Popham's letter of the 10th October 1794.

Para 13th. ....

Para 14th. Approving of the appointment of Lieutenant Taylor to be Assistant to the Agent for the Manufacture of Gun Powder at the Salary of 250 Rupees Pr. Month.

Para 15th. ....

Para 16th. Approving of the Commissary of Stores being appointed the Agent for the provision of Gun Carriages *and directing* a Report to be made of the result of this experiment as well with respect to the Construction and durability of the Gun Carriages as to the comparative expence under the System [of] Contract; and whether the Agency thus assigned to the Commissary of Stores be incompatible with the duties of his Official Situation.

18th. We have desired the Military Board to report on the several points contained in this Paragraph.

Para 17th.	19th. Need no reply.
Para 18th. Relative to repairs and alterations in the Triangular Barrack in Fort William.	
Para 19th. Approving of the Order that was issued explanatory of the first Article of the Victualling Contract.	20th. Needs no reply.
Para 20th. Relative to forming Military Depots of Provisions at Fort William and Chunar—and approving of the plan having been adopted and desiring to be informed of the Charges of the Annual Expenditure and the loss sustained upon the Sale of perishable Articles. Adverting to the Opinion expressed in their letter of the 27th March 87 relative to the Commission given to the Garrison Store Keeper.	21. We have sent a Copy of the first part of this Paragraph to the Military Board and directed them to furnish Annually the Information required by your Hon'ble Court. We shall reply to the latter part of this Paragraph by an early Dispatch.
Para 21. Respecting the Indents for Wine for the Military Depots.	22. We have furnished the Military Board with a Copy of this Paragraph.
Para 22d. Approving of the erection of new Barracks for two Companies of Artillery at Futty Ghur.	23d. Needs no reply.
Para 23d. Advising that it was too late in the Season to obtain the provisions required in the Indents transmitted with our letter of the 18th of August 95, and desiring to be informed whether Provisions cannot be Salted in India, and if so what would be the Expence of the same Pr Ton.	24th. We have called upon the Military Board to furnish the Information required in this Paragraph.
Para 24. Respecting the breakage and short delivery of Shot and Shells at Madras.	25. We have transmitted a Copy of this Paragraph to the Military Board.
Para 25th.	26. Need no reply.
Para 26th. Acknowledging the receipt of Duplicate Military	

statement 30th April 94—and Analysis thereof.

Para 27th. . . . .

Para 28th. Referring to us to make such compensation to Mr. Lyons as upon Enquiry we shall judge reasonable for his Superintendance of the Bhagratty according to the Number of days he was actually employed.

Para 29th. Acquiescing in the propriety of the Regulation respecting Passports to persons proceeding to the upper Stations.

Para 30th. Directing that William Hill be sent to England when freed from the custody of the Sheriff.

Para 31st Approving of our Resolution respecting the sending to England two Men of notorious bad characters.

Para 32. Approving of the orders directing the Sum of 27,63,730 Sa. Rs. standing as a debt owing by the Company to be written off the Books.

Para 33. . . . .

Para 34. Transmitting a list of Widows admitted Pensioners to the Military Fund.

Para 35. . . . .

Para 36. Approving of the Rule relative to the due preparing of Certificates required for Naval and Military Stores.

Para 37th. Approving of the distribution of the Donation granted by the Vizier in 1794.

27th. We shall hereafter advise you of our determination on the Subject of this Paragraph.

28. Needs no reply.

29. We have furnished the Attorney to the Hon'ble Company with a Copy of this Paragraph and desired him to give us timely notice of Mr. William Hill's release from Jail.

30th. Need no reply.

31st. We have furnished the Military Auditor General with a Copy of this Paragraph.

32. Need no reply.

Para 38. Public notice to be given of the time limited for the receipt of the Claims to the Donation of 1794.

Para 39. Conduct of Captn. Richard Ramsay.

Para 40. Consenting to our conferring upon Brevet Lieut. Fireworker Robertson the Brevet Rank of Captain, under certain Conditions and limitations.

33. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.

Para 41. . . . .

34. Need no reply.

Para 42. Referring to the late Military Arrangements.

Para 43. . . . .

Para 44. Acknowledging the receipt of a letter and Statements from the Compiler of the King's Troops Accounts.

Para 45. Respecting Certificates of Pay to Officers and Troops.

35. A Copy of this Paragraph has been transmitted to the Military Auditor General.

Para 46. Relative to Pay Masters' Securities.

36. Needs no reply.

Para 47. Informing that no Muskets or other small Arms have been sent to India this Season.

Para 48. Informing that the Number of Mamooties required are all laden on the Ships of this Season.

Para 49. Respecting Gun Carriages sent from England.

Para 50. Approving of the neat manner in which the Bengal Gun Carriages are constructed and desiring to be informed of the Expence of making such a Carriage.

37. Copies of these Paragraphs have been sent to the Military Board with Instructions to furnish a Statement of the expence required by the 50th Paragraph.

Para 51. Respecting Invoices of Articles for Cloathing the Army.

38. Need no reply.

Para 52. Approving of the Repairs of the Embankment of the River at Barrackpore.

Para 53. Relative to the Repairs and additions necessary to the Cantonments at Barrackpore and Dinapore.

39. The Military Board have been furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph, and desired to state the reason of the Estimate of the Works at Dinapore not having accompanied their Proceedings.

Para 54. ....

40. Need no reply.

Para 55. Informing that the building several new Jails had been replied to in the Judicial Department.

Para 56. Approving of the excavation of a new Tank near the new Jail.

Para 57. Approving of 10 Sa. Rs. P Month being given to Mr. Fairlie for each Bullock employed in Rohilcund in 1794.

Para 58. Approving of the determination on the Military Auditor General's Letter respecting the rates of Grain charged by the Bullock Contractor and Cavalry Grain Agent.

Para 59. Respecting Assistant Surgeons.

41. A Copy of this Para has been transmitted to the Hospital Board.

Para 60. ....

42. Need no reply.

Para 61. Approving of the Office Rent of 250 Rupees Pr Month being given to the Judge Advocate General.

Para 62. ....

Para 63. ....

Para 64. Relative to making an Advance of Money to the Agents of the Orphan Society in England.

Para 65. ....

Para 66. Referring to the new Military Regulations respecting Staff Officers.

Para 67. Respecting a Corps of Nairs and Moplas at Bombay.	43. Need no reply.
Para 68.	
Para 69. Approving of the removal of the Battalion from Taujepore to Kishen Gunge.	
Para 70. Approving of the addition of two Assistants to the Superintending Officer of the Invalid Tannah Establishment.	
Para 71.	
Para 72. Approving of the repairs of the General Hospital and Works in Fort William.	
Para 73. Intimating that the Cadets for the Artillery and Engineers shall in future be educated at Woolwich.	
Para 74. Respecting the Appointment of John Richard Fulford to be a Conductor.	
Para 75. Respecting the Repair of Public Works and Buildings.	44. Need no reply.
Para 76.	
Para 77. Respecting the Appointment of the two Sons of the late Major Bolton to be Cadets on this Establishment provided they are of the Age prescribed by the Act of Parliament.	45. A copy of this Para has been forwarded to the Adjutant Genl.
Para 78th. Informing that Mrs. Bolton had been admitted a Pensioner in the Military Fund.	46. Copy of this Paragraph has been transmitted to the Military Auditor General.
Para 79.	47. Need no reply.
Para 80. Approving of the propositions of the Commander in Chief relative to the Office of Agent for the purchase of Horses.	
Para 81.	48. Need no reply.
Para 82.	

Para 83. Referring to the late Military Arrangements with respect to Staff Officers.

Para 84. Referring to the decision as to an Officer of Cavalry being appointed to a Seat in the Military Board at Madras.

Para 85. Approving of the principle laid down in Bengal, that no Member of the Military Board should partake in the execution of Public Works having been extended to Madras and Bombay.

Para 86. . . . .

Para 87. Approving of the acceptance of a further gift of a Lack of Rupees from the Vizier.

Para 88. Approving of the Regulations for indemnifying certain Officers for Horses killed or disabled in Action.

49. Need no reply.

Para 89. . . . .

Para 90. Approving of the building of two Vessels for the conveyance of Troops from the Ships to Fort William, &ca.

Para 91. Respecting a new constructed Powder Mill.

50. The Military Board have been called upon for the Information required in this Paragraph.

Para 92. . . . .

Para 93. Approving of the Contract for the Works at Barrampore having been given to Mr. James Scott and for the Work at Dinapore having been given to Messrs. Lambert and Ross.

51. The Military Board have been desired to report the manner in which the works mentioned in this Paragraph have been executed.

Para 94. Approving of the Regulation relative to Advertisements for Public Contract Works.

52. Need no reply.

Para 95. . . . .

Para 96. Approving of the determination on the Claim of the

53. In consequence of a claim made by Mr. Francis McNaughton

Executor of the Will of the late Mr. George Elliot; and informing, that Lieutt. Thomas Staunton has been appointed by Mr. Burke, Deputy Pay Master to the King's Troops, also, transmitting a Copy of Lieutenant Staunton's Deputation.

to the Appointment of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops under an Appointment from Lieutt. Colonel Murray and Mr. Hicky, as Attornies to Mr. Burke, we have furnished the Advocate General with an Extract from this Paragraph, and a Copy of Lieutenant Staunton's Appointment to the same Office by Mr. Burke, and desired that he will state whether these Documents occasion any and what Alteration in the Opinion already given by him respecting the Validity of Mr. McNaughton's nomination.

Para 97. . . . .

54. Need no reply.

Para 98. Approving of the inspection of the provisions for the Orphan School.

Para 99. Respecting an Allowance of 3 Rupees per Month to the Children of European Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates—and directing that the Allowance be made to such Children only as are Orphans.

55. This Paragraph has been published in General Orders.

Para 100. . . . .

56. Needs no reply.

Para 101. Appointing Mr. Thomas Lyon, late Surgeon of the Pigot, an Assistant Surgeon on this Establishment.

57. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.

Para 102. Respecting the settling of the Accounts for Gun Powder, with the Owners of the William Pitt.

58. Need no reply.

Para 103. . . . .

Para 104. . . . .

Para 105. Advising that the Application of the Madras Infantry Officers respecting their Rank in consequence of the Appointment of Colonel Dougal Campbell to the

Infantry, will be replied to in the Dispatches to Madras.	
Para 106. Advising that an Answer to Lieutenant Evans' Plan for the breed of Horses upon the Coast has been transmitted to Madras.	
Para 107. Corps of Nairs and Moplas at Bombay.	59. Need no reply.
Para 108.	
Para 109. Approving of Magazine Men at the Field Magazines drawing full Batta in all situations in which it is received by Gun Lascars.	
Para 110. Referring to the late Military Arrangements respecting the allowance of double full Batta.	
Para 111. Approving of four Drummers or Fifers being added to the strength of each Company of Native Invalids.	
Para 112. Respecting the Number of Cadets to be sent to this Presidency for the present Season.	
Para 113. Relative to the appointment of Captain Welsh to the Cavalry.	59. Need no reply.
Para 114.	
Para 115. Informing that provision has been made in the new Military Arrangements for passage Money to Subaltern Officers.	
Para 116.	
Para 117. Approving of the Institution of an Hospital at Mongheer for the reception of Insane Native Soldiers.	
Para 118. Approving of the increase to the Establishment to the Adjutant at Mongheer for Writers.	

Para 119. Respecting the Alterations and repairs &ca. of Public Works and Buildings.

Para 120. ....

Para 121. Relative to the failure of the Army Cloathing Contract and approving of the Action commenced against the Securities.

61. We have called upon the Company's Attorney to inform us of the result of this Action, and to state the reason of its not having been earlier reported.

Para 122. Approving of the Contract entered into with Mr. Kelso for providing Army Cloathing.

62. Needs no reply.

Para 123. Respecting the New Artillery Barracks in Fort William, and observing that as neither the Contractors Representations nor the Engineers Report upon it, which induced the remission of the penalty of making the Contractor answerable for the charge of House Rent occasioned by the Barracks not having been ready at the stipulated time, were transmitted, the Court could form no judgement on the propriety of the decision.

63. The Representations of the Contractor for the Artillery Barracks in Fort William and the Engineers report upon it, which induced us to rescind our Resolution for making the Contractor answerable for the charge of House Rent incurred by the Company, in consequence of the new Barracks not having been ready by the period stipulated, are recorded on our Proceedings of the 8th June 1795.

64. From these Papers your Hon'ble Court will observe that the delay was chiefly owing to alterations made in the original Plan in the Foundations, together with the Construction of a Number of Additional Stair Cases, and we trust that you will acquiesce in the propriety of our determination.

Para 124. Approving of the Resolution for demanding the penalty due by the Elephant Contractor for a breach of his Engagements.

65. Need no reply.

Para 125. ....

Para 126. ....

Para 127. ....

66. Need no reply.

Para 128. Relative to Retrenchments made against Mr. Brooke as Paymaster of the 1st Brigade in 1781.

67. The Military Auditor General has been furnished with a Copy of this paragraph for his guidance.

Para 129. Authorizing a Gratuity of (10,000 Sa. Rs.) to be made to Mr. Brooke, as a token of Approbation for his Services in the Management of the Khas Pergunnah of Mundulgaut and in raising the Jumma of the district of Shahabad.

68. A Copy of this Para. has been sent to the Revenue Department, that the necessary Orders may be issued from thence on the Subject.

Para 130. Approving of Resolution respecting Mr. John Scott formerly Pay Master to the Southern Detachment.

69. Need no reply.

Para 131. ....

Para 132. Informing of the Acceptance of a Bill Remitted thro' Colonel Murray, from the Committee of Subscribers for the benefit of the Soldiers and Seamen of the Bengal Squadron for the purpose of being distributed to the Widows and Children of those who died or were wounded, &ca. &ca.

70. Need no reply.

Para 133. ....

Para 134. Respecting an Additional Allowance to the Officers serving at Bencoolen and Prince of Wales's Island for defraying the extra Charges incurred by them in those Stations.

71. Our Sentiments on this Subject will be Communicated to your Hon'ble Court by a Subsequent dispatch.

Para 135. Relative to the Widow of Lieutenant Henry Lewis late of the Artillery of this Establishment, and directing the Continuance of the payment of 25 Dollars Pr. Month as a Pension.

72. A Copy of this Para has been forwarded to the Deputy Governor and Council at Bencoolen.

Para 136. Advising of several particulars relative to the proof of Ordnance for the Company's Service.

73. A Copy of this Paragraph has been transmitted to the Military Board.

137. Relative to General St. Leger's Plan for forming a Detachment in India on the modern [model and] footing of the Horse Artillery in England.

74. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with Copies of this Paragraph and of the Letters from Marquis Cornwallis and General St. Leger, and shall hereafter submit to your Hon'ble Court our Sentiments on the Plan.

Para 138. Appointing Messrs. Pudner and Cox now at Bencoolen Ensigns on this Establishment.

75. This Paragraph has been published in General Orders and a Copy of it transmitted to Bencoolen.

Para 139. Forwarding an application from Mrs. Susanah Berdmore respecting a Share in the Rohilla Donation of her late Husband's Brother Samuel Berdmore, formerly a Cadet on this Establishment.

76. We have considered the Petition of Mrs. Susanah Berdmore. and in Obedience to your Orders, contained in this Paragraph, we directed an enquiry to be made respecting the share in the Rohilla Donation of 1774, of the late Samuel Berdmore formerly a Cadet on this Establishment.

77. We transmit a Number in the Packet, a Copy of a letter from the Rohillah Committee to the Governor General in Council, dated the 18th June 1792, with a Copy of their Proceedings referred therein, and an Extract from the Resolutions of Government on the 4th of the succeeding Month, from which your Hon'ble Court will perceive that Mr. Berdmore's share in the Rohilla Donation was forfeited to the Orphan Asylum.

78. From these Proceedings of the Rohilla Committee it appears, that Mr. Berdmore's share in the Donation had been claimed first by Lieutenant Agg, afterwards by Mr. William Fairlie, and lastly by Mr. J. Steel, as Attorney to the Estate of the Brother of Mr. Berdmore.

Para 140. Advising that two Cadets in addition to the Number formerly mentioned, would be appointed for this Establishment.

79. Needs no reply.

A continuation of our proceedings from the date of our last dispatch to the 13th March, the date of this letter, will be forwarded by the first regular Ships; we shall now, however, proceed to notice the principal occurrences during that period.

80. Mr. J. Champain has made an application in behalf of Mrs. Henckley for the share in the Rohilla Donation of 1774, of her late Brother Lieutenant Willoughby Barry, whose Claim your Hon'ble Court in the Paragraph of your Military letter of the 18th February 1793, directed to be investigated, "in consequence of the extension of the period for receiving Claims to that Donation to the 31st of August 1792."

81. The Claim of Mrs. Henckley in compliance with these orders of your Hon'ble Court, together with the Claim of Serjeant Thomas Elstone, were referred by us on the 9th of September 1793 to the Rohilla Committee, by whom after a full investigation, both Claims were rejected, in consequence of their not having been made by the 31st of August 1790, whereby they became forfeited to the Orphan Establishment.

82. The letter received from the Rohilla Committee on this occasion, and recorded on our proceedings of the 22nd November 1793, is transmitted a number in the Packet; and we beg leave to notice to your Hon'ble Court that the extension of the period for admitting Claims to the Rohilla Donation to the 31st August 1792, to which you allude in your above mentioned letter of the 18th February 1793, was applicable only to that new Class of Claimants, whose pretensions to share in the Rohilla Donation were referred back to this Government by the 33rd Paragraph of your letter of the 8th of April 1789, and did not apply to the case of Lieutenant Barry, the ultimate period for making whose claim had been previously and finally fixed at the 30th of August 1790.

83. We have only further to observe, that the rejection of the Claims and forfeiture of the respective shares by the Committee, were in strict conformity to the orders under which they acted and which received the Sanction of your Hon'ble Court.

Military Board, Buildings and Agencies

84. The Military Board recommended some alterations in the Necessary rooms of the General Hospital at the Presidency, transmitting at the same time the Head Surgeons report upon the propriety of making these alterations; from which it appeared to us that the Health of the patients in the Hospital so much depended on the adoption of the proposed alterations that we had no hesitation in authorizing them, confining the expence to Sa. Rs. 3,965 the estimated Amount of the Work.

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85. On our Consultations of the 6th Instant, are recorded the proceedings of the Military Board on the 10th and 58th Articles of our Resolutions of the 20th of June 1796, for the revisal of the various Establishments of the Arsenal, Magazines, and Field Trains, and desiring their Opinion on the expediency of forming the Bildars and Coolies attached to the Field Trains into a Pioneer Corps. For the detail of the new Establishments, with the grounds on which they are recommended, we beg leave to refer you to these proceedings at large, observing only that the expence exceeds the Amount of the former Establishments in the Sum of 1300 Rupees P Month, including the additional appointment of a full Commissary to the Expence Magazine in Fort William, which we were induced to make at the recommendation of the Military Board, grounded on the great responsibility attached to the person in charge of that Magazine.

86. With regard to the Pioneer Corps to be formed from the Bildars and Coolies attached to the Field Trains and the Corps of Artificers and labourers proposed by the Chief Engineer, we have made a further reference to the Military Board on these Subjects and shall hereafter submit to you our determination respecting them.

87. In consequence of the very heavy expence to which the Officer Commanding at Prince of Wales Island must unavoidably be subject by the great resort of Strangers to that Island, the very high price of the Articles required for a Table, and his situation as Commandant of the Troops, we determined at the recommendation of the Military Auditor General as contained in his Minutes recorded on the abovementioned proceedings of the Military Board, to grant to him an addition of 300 Rupees per Month to his present Table Allowance.

Consn. 13th March Nos. 43 to 45

88. The Barracks at Cawnpore having been found insufficient for the accommodation of the Regiment of European Infantry on the new Establishment, we authorized, at the recommendation of the Military Board, the enclosing of the Verandahs of these Barracks, limiting the Expence to Sonat Rupees 3,310-14-11½ for material and St. Rs. 502-14-4 for Workmanship.

Appointments, Removals and Officers permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough

Consn. 6th March No. 8

89. We have appointed Brevet Captain Thomas Alcock, Deputy Adjutant General with the Official Rank of Major in the room of Major Samuel Scott deceased.

Consn. 6th March Nos. 11 & 12

90. Brevet Captain R. Davies, who went to the Cape of Good Hope by our permission for the recovery of his health, has obtained our further leave to proceed to Europe on Furlough, his Furlough to commence from the period at which he may quit the Cape.

Consn. 13th March

91. Mr. John Gray Henderson, late Surgeon at Dacca, has been appointed Surgeon to the 1st Battalion of Artillery; Mr. George Davidson, the Senior Assistant, has been promoted and appointed to succeed Mr. Henderson; and Mr. James Campbell, who holds the appointment of Apothecary having become the Senior Assistant Surgeon by the promotion of Mr. Davidson, has, in conformity to the Arrangement made on the 24th of June last, which allows of a full Surgeon for the Situation of Apothecary, been promoted accordingly.

Consn. 13th March Nos. 69 to 75

92. We have permitted Messrs. H. B. Keane and J. Corse, Assistant Surgeons, to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the re-establishment of their Health.

Consn. 13th March No. 94

93. We have also permitted Mr. James Fletcher, Assistant Surgeon, to proceed to Europe on Furlough, for the recovery of his Health.

Hospital Board

94. We transmit a Number in the Packet, a Memorial which we received
Consn. 6th March No. [......] through the Hospital Board, from several of the Gentlemen of the Medical Department, for the consideration and determination of your Hon'ble Court.

95. We resolved not to make any alterations in the Arrangement already fixed for the Medical line, but determined to forward the Memorial to you, with the following remarks.

96. With regard to the observation of the Memorialists, that their ultimate prospects are more unfavorable than those of any other Class of the Company's Servants, we cannot admit that the Medical Corps, has any just ground of Complaint, when we advert to the liberal pensions and other advantages which have lately been conferred on it; and if the prospects of the Surgeons in this Country be compared with those of the Surgeons of His Majesty's Navy or Army, or in any other Service the favorable Situation of the Surgeons on this Establishment will be apparent.

97. With respect to the alledged misconception of the intention of your Hon'ble Court in your Medical Regulations of 1785, by this Government, in consequence of which the Rank of the Members of the Medical Board and of the Head Surgeons, instead of being considered permanent like that of the Surgeon General and Surgeon Major of the old Establishment, was regarded as incidental and annexed to the Office; we have no doubt of the Construction given by this Government to your orders on these points, having been conformable to your Intentions. But as the change thereby introduced into the System, might be felt as a hardship by the Surgeons, and as no advantage is gained by it to the public, we beg leave to recommend to your Hon'ble Court to allow Head Surgeons who go home on Furlough the pay of Majors, and the Members of the Medical Board the Pay of Lieutenant Colonels, and that on their return to Bengal they continue Supernumeraries, on the same Pay respectively, until Vacancies occur in the Posts which they formerly held, and that they be entitled to the Quarters, Tent Allowance, Boat Allowance, &ca. of the Military Ranks above mentioned.

98. On reference to your letter which accompanied the Regulations of 1785, we have no doubt but that the intentions of your Hon'ble Court were strictly adhered to with respect to the Salaries annexed to the Members of the Medical Board, and that you considered them as a full compensation for the loss of the Hospital Contracts; and that they were also intended to be in lieu of pay and all other Allowances. The Members of the Medical Board have since been permitted to draw the salary of Surgeons at the Presidency, and the Head Surgeons, the Pay and Batta of Captain, in addition to their respective Salaries; and lately the Stoppages from the Sick Europeans in the General Hospitals have been divided among the Members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeon at the Presidency.

99. With regard to the Exchange, altho' the Medical Salaries were formerly paid at the rate now solicited, yet as your Hon'ble Court positively forbid the continuance of that rate, and Ordered that these and all other Salaries to your Military Servants, should be paid at the present exchange of 2s. 6d. the Sonat Rupee, we see no reason for recommending any alteration, placing the Medical Gentlemen in a different footing in this respect from the Army in General.

100. We cannot recommend to the Hon'ble Court to restore to a Seat at the Medical Board the Head Surgeon of the Hospital at the Presidency, as you have in your late Regulations reduced the Medical Board to two Members thereby excluding the Head Surgeon of the Hospital, from being a Member of that Board, which is to Audit and Control the Accounts of the Hospital under his charge.

101. By the Regulations, it is directed that no General Hospital shall be established nor any Head Surgeon appointed to any Station excepting where one or more European Regiments are cantoned; and as there appears no good reason for deviating from this rule in respect to the Station of Futty Ghur, we see no necessity for recommending a Head Surgeon for that Station.

102. As a Regiment of Native Cavalry from its strength, and the Nature of its duties, is likely to furnish many Cases that will require Medical Assistance, we are of Opinion that a full Surgeon and Assistant Surgeon should be attached to each Regiment of Native Cavalry; and as the strength of the Garrison of Mongheer is so considerable, the addition of a full Surgeon at that Station appears to us necessary.

103. The Pensions granted by Your Hon'ble Court to the Medical Gentlemen appearing to us liberal, full Surgeons being allowed to retire on Captain's Pensions after a much shorter period of Service than Officers of that rank, and the Ampleness of the Pensions to the Senior Medical Servants fully Compensating for the length of time which it is required they should serve to entitle them thereto, we consider the requests of the Memorialists, "that Members of the Medical Board and Head Surgeons should be permitted to retire on the Pensions allowed them respectively *immediately on their Promotion to* these Situations," as unreasonable and cannot therefore, recommend a compliance with it.

104. With respect to the intended separation of the Civil and Military Surgeons, the Subject has been already referred to your Hon'ble Court.

Military Auditor General

105. The Military Auditor General submitted to us a question whether the Allowance of 10s./6d to the Surgeons of Ships which bring out Troops from England to India, for each Man landed, should be granted on Account of His Majesty's Regiments lately sent to Bengal.

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106. This Sum having been invariably paid to the Surgeons of Ships for each Soldier landed in India, as an encouragement to them to exert themselves for the preservation of the Health of the Soldiers whilst on Board, we authorized the payment of it in these Instances.

107. On our Proceedings noticed in the Margin is recorded a list furnished by the Auditor General of the Names of Officers, &ca. whose Claims to the reserved fifth of the Rohilla Donation of 1774, were originally made in due time, and consequently have not been forfeited, and the Amount of which has not been paid to the 31st January last; & we request you will cause this list to be published in the News papers for the Information of the Parties concerned.

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No. 13

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
the 13th of March 1797.

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LETTER DATED 28 APRIL 1797

Retirement and promotion of officers—Bombay Government permitted to establish Pioneer Corps—formation of a corps of artificers and workmen-passage money for officers of King's Regiments—erection of stables.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

Our last letter to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 13th Ultimo, and we have now the honor to forward a Duplicate of it. A continuation of our proceedings to the 28th of April, the date of this letter, will be forwarded by the first regular Ships.

2. Having proceeded to take into consideration the promotions to be made in consequence of your having permitted Colonel G. B. Eyres, Lieutenant Colonels J. Cockerell, and H. Duncan, and Major C. Maitland, to retire from your Service, the Commander in Chief in a Minute, a copy of which we send a Number in the packet, observed, that before the consequent promotions could take place, it was necessary to determine from what period the vacancies

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occasioned by the retiring of these Officers should be considered to have occurred.

3. After the fullest consideration of the observations of the Commander in Chief as to the several periods which might have been assumed, We resolved that the Vacancies should be considered as having taken place on the 27th July 1796, the date of your letter, announcing the permission given to the Officers above mentioned to retire, and that, consequently the Officers who were to supply the Vacancies were entitled to the superior Ranks from that date.

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4. The promotion was made accordingly, and agreeably to the practice of the Service we have granted the pay and Allowances of the Advanced Ranks from the dates of the promotions to the Officers promoted, with the exception of those Officers who were in Europe, and such of the Lieutenants promoted from Ensigns as had not arrived in the Country at the periods from which their rank as Lieutenants takes effect, both of these descriptions of Officers not being entitled to such advanced pay and allowances under the orders of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 28th April

5. The Commander in Chief laid before us an application from Colonel Cameron, soliciting his promotion and appointment to the situation of Chief Engineer in the room of Colonel Mark Wood.

6. Colonel Cameron grounded his claim to promotion and to the appointment of Chief Engineer on the following Article of the Regulations of your Hon'ble Court, "Officers eligible by Seniority to Regiments or Similar Situations, who are now at home or who may come home in the present Season, and who of course become acquainted with these regulations, but who do not proceed to their duty in 1795/6, can only be appointed to the first Vacancies which happen after their arrival in India, but in the mean time they are to serve with such Corps as the Commander in Chief may think proper, and to receive the pay and Allowances of their Rank until Vacancies shall fall," And on the arrival of the whole of the Ships of the Season 1795/6, excepting the Maratha, whose Packet however had been brought to Bengal from the Cape by the Phoenix, from which it appeared that no Military Officers of this Establishment were Passengers on the Maratha.

7. Although the orders quoted by Colonel Cameron are qualified by those contained in the 4th and 5th paragraphs of your subsequent dispatch dated 27th July yet considering the time Colonel Wood has been in England, and as your Hon'ble Court had not advised us of your having extended his leave of absence, and as it appeared in reference to your dispatches by the Maratha, that he was not on Board of that Ship, which we considered to be the last of the Season, we deemed it just to Colonel Cameron and the Officers of this Corps, to make the promotions, and accordingly directed that they should take effect from the 25th of April 1797.

Bombay

8. On our proceedings of the 3d of April is recorded a letter from the Government of Bombay with a Minute from General Stuart[1], recommending the Establishment of a Pioneer Corps at that Presidency.

9. Concurring entirely with the Commander in Chief, whose opinion on the subject delivered at our request is recorded on our proceedings above referred to, as to the great utility of the proposed pioneer Corps, we had no hesitation in giving our sanction to the Bombay Government to raise the Corps, and make it a permanent addition to the Establishment of their Army.

10. Copies of the Minutes of General Clarke and General Stuart are forwarded a number in the Packet.

Appointments, Removals, and Officers gone to Europe on Furlough

11. At the application of Ensign Patrick Byers we transferred him from the Engineers to the Infantry. But as Ensign Byers had been specifically appointed by your Hon'ble Court for the Engineer Corps. We thought it proper in justice to the Ensigns of Infantry, that Ensign Byers should rank under all the Ensigns of Infantry, who were Cadets of the same Season as himself.

Consn. 7th April

12. Lieutenant G. Mason of Artillery who went to the Cape of Good Hope on the recruiting Service, has received our permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health; his Furlough to commence from the period of his quitting the Cape.

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13. We have permitted Captain V. Dubois to proceed to Europe on Furlough for three years.

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14. Mr. C. Wasmus who formerly held the appointment of Head Surgeon at Bencoolen, and who had our permission to return to Europe as communicated to your Hon'ble Court in the 87th paragraph of our letter of the 31st December last, having represented to us that he had been disappointed in procuring a passage to Europe, we have permitted him, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of his case, to continue to draw the same allowances as he has hitherto received, until the Month of August or September next, but under the proviso, that should he then proceed to Europe, he is not to be entitled to any further Advances in addition to those which he has already received, Vizt. 6 Months of the pension of an Head Surgeon.

14.A. In consequence of the resignation of the Appointment of Senior Chaplain at the Presidency by the Reverend Thomas Blanshard, we have promoted the Reverend D. Brown to succeed Mr. Blanshard, and appointed the Revd. Paul Limerick to be second Chaplain at the Presidency, and Mr. Claudius Buchanan to do duty for the present at the station of Barrackpore in the room of Mr. Limerick.

15. In consequence of the Testimonials laid before us respecting Mr. Carr, who was appointed a Cadet by the 16th paragraph of your letter of the 27th of July last, we have given effect to his appointment.

Consn. 17th April Nos. 8 & 9

16. Brevet Captain Arthur Davis, on applying for permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health, submitted to us a question whether in the event of his being promoted during his absence, he should be entitled to the pay of the advanced rank.

17. Although there is no regulation of your Hon'ble Court which applied specifically to Captain Davies's question, yet as Officers on leave of Absence will be promoted in their turn, it appeared to us equally reasonable and consistent with your intentions, that the pay should accompany the promotion of Officers on leave of absence under the present regulations, with an intention to return to their duty.

18. A further question was at the same time brought before us by the Commander in Chief, Vizt., "Whether Officers going to Europe on leave of absence were to be allowed to retire on the pay of a superior rank, to which they might be advanced after their departure from India, and before the time at which they might be permitted to retire." Considering this to be a question proper to be left to the determination of your Hon'ble Court, we beg leave to solicit your orders respecting it.

19. Captain Hume Paymaster to the Detachment under the command of Major General Erskine having been ordered to remain with that Division of the Detachment which is stationed in the Circars, it became necessary to appoint some person to perform the duty of Paymaster to the other Division which has marched to Hydrabad, under the command of Major Hyndman. We therefore nominated Lieutenant Gervais Pennington, an Officer of this division, Deputy Paymaster under Captain Hume, with a Salary including the pay, Batta, additional allowance and gratuity of his Rank of 500 Sonat rupees per Month, and a Monthly sum of Sonat rupees 275 as an Establishment of Office, being equal to half the Sums allowed to Captain Hume on these Accounts.

Consn. 28th April

Military Board, Buildings and Agencies

20. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have authorised the necessary repairs of the public Buildings at Barrackpore, the expence to be limited to Sicca Rupees 16,189-9.

Consn. 20th March No. 21

21. We have authorized the making up of 200 additional Cots at the Station of Berhampore, the cost of each Cot not to exceed Six Sicca rupees.

22. The Military Board having submitted to us the annual survey of the Works and Buildings in Fort William, we sanctioned the repairs recommended by them, limiting the expence to Sa. Rs. 46,237-10 the amount of the estimates.

Consn. 31st March No. 10 to 14

23. We have also sanctioned at the recommendation of the Military Board the rebuilding of the Wall round the Burrying [*sic*] Ground at Barrackpore, the expence not to exceed Sicca Rupees 884-12-11.

Consn. 31st March No. 16 to 19

24. We have authorized the repairs of the Garrison Storekeeper's Shed at Fort William, as recommended by the Military Board, at an expence not exceeding Sicca Rupees 1,685-10.

25. The Military Board submitted to us an Estimate of the Repairs of the Commanding Officers Quarters, and other Public Buildings at Mongheer, which we have authorized, the expence not to exceed Sicca Rupees 4,416-5½ the estimated amount.

Consn. 7th April

26. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have also authorized the construction of a Bungalow and Out Houses for the European Gunners, and a House for 2 Guns and 3 Tumbrils attached to the Ramghur Battalion, limiting the expence to Sicca Rupees 980 the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 7th April

27. With a view to keep the Presidency of Bombay supplied with a sufficient stock of Old rum, for the use of the Military, We, at the suggestion of the Military Board authorized them to purchase for the above purpose, the further quantity of 50,000 Gallons, deliverable when the former supply shall have been 12 months in Store.

Consn. 17th April

28. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have made an Addition of 53 Rupees Pr. Month to the Establishment of the Garrison Storekeeper at Chunar, to enable him to take proper care of the provisions and Stores under his Charge.

Consn. 28th April

29. On our proceedings of the 28th April is recorded the reply of the Military Board to our reference to them respecting the forming a Corps to consist of the Artificers and Workmen employed in Fort William. We have, in consequence Agreed, that two Companies under the denomination of 1st and 2nd Companies of Artificers and Workmen be formed from the different Classes of people employed in the Ordinary repairs of Fort William, the Embankment and Esplanade, to act under the orders of the Chief Engineer, the expence of both Companies not to exceed Sa. Rupees 7,713 Pr. Month, being Rupees 37 less than the averaged [*sic*] Monthly expence of the people required under the former System for the Same purposes.

Consn. 28th April No. 64 & 65

30. For the strength and descriptions of people forming these Companies, We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to the plan that accompanied the Chief Engineer's Minute, and which is recorded on our proceedings of the 6th March last and shall only further observe here, that an Officer of Engineers is to be attached to each Company, and that the Men are to be paid

Monthly by him agreeably to the rules laid down for the payment of Companies of Native Infantry.

31. With respect to that part of our above mentioned reference relative to the forming a regular Corps of Pioneers in the room of the Bildars and Coolies attached to the Field Trains, the Military Board expressed it as their opinion that such a Corps would not only be more useful, but would render very essential Services as well on ordinary as on emergent occasions, Previous, however, to determining on the adoption of the measure, we have called upon the Military Board to state more fully the grounds of their opinion, with their Sentiments as to the Strength of the Corps, and the Services to be expected from it, accompanied by a Comparative Statement of the Expences of the proposed Establishment, and of that of the present description of people attached to the Field Trains.

32. We have allowed 4 Gunstockers at 8 Rupees each per Month to be added to the Establishment of the Magazine at Chunar.

Military Auditor General

33. On our proceedings of the 24th of February, is recorded a report from the Military Auditor General on applications from Colonels Wesley and Mackenzie Commanding His Majesty's 33d and 78th Regiments for passage money to the Officers of these Regiments, the former from the Cape, and the latter from England to Bengal.

Consn. 20th March No. 34 & 35

34. The Commanders of the extra Ships and Transports on which these Regiments were brought from the Cape to Bengal, having in reply to a requisition from us, stated that they had no demands to make on the Company on Account of passage or diet Money to the Officers of the 33rd and 78th Regiments, and that they had not received any instructions on that subject from Mr. Pringle the Company's Agent at the Cape—We determined that those Officers of his Majesty's 33d and 78th Regiments, for whom neither the usual passage Money was paid, nor any provision made in England by the Company or by the Agent at the Cape for supplying them with a Table during their Voyage, should receive the Allowance for passage Money made to Officers of the Corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service.

35. The Commanding Officers of these Regiments were in consequence directed to furnish the Military Auditor General with a list of the Names of their Respective Officers entitled to passage Money under the above determination, specifying the Names of the Ships which they embarked, and of the Commanders.

Cons. 7th April No. 36 to 38

36. We transmit a number in the packet a copy of the Military Auditor General's letter, with a copy of the list furnished by Colonel Wesley Commanding the 33d Regiment, and have only further to observe, that we acquiesced in the application of the principle laid down in the case of Lieutenant Owen alluded

to by the Military Auditor General to the Officers of the 33d Regiment, including Captain Norcott and Lieutenants Dalrymple and Chetwood, by which they have received half the passage Money allowed to Officers of their respective ranks from England to Bengal.'

37. The Military Auditor General having furnished us with a list of the Officers of the 78th Regiment who have been allowed passage Money from England according to the rates fixed by your Hon'ble Court, we also transmit a copy of it a Number in the Packet.

Cons. 10th April
No. 7 to 9

38. The Commanders of the Lord Macartney, Lascelles and Busbridge, having submitted to us several Bills containing Charges Chiefly for Slops stated to have been served out to German recruits on the passage from the Cape of Good Hope to Bengal; and the Military Auditor General having reported that although the records of his Office afforded no date for checking the rates, yet, that he had no hesitation in giving it as his opinion that they were not only high, but charged without reference to any uniform or established rates, we determined to refer the payment of them to your Hon'ble Court. Copies of the letters addressed to us on the occasion, with the original Bills, and a copy of the Military Auditor General's report are accordingly forwarded.

Cons. 27th March
No. 49, 50 & 51

39. The Military Auditor General submitted to us a question whether Lieutenant Colonels E. Baillie and R. Scott lately returned from Europe should receive the pay of their present rank from the 1st of June last, the date of their promotions by the new arrangements or of that which they held when they left India, until their return to this Presidency.

Cons. 31st March
No. 2

40. Having considered the several Orders of your Hon'ble Court respecting the pay of Officers at home, and eligible to return to their duty, We determined that these Officers should not receive the pay of the Rank to which they had been advanced during their absence, previous to their Arrival at this Presidency.

41. The Military Auditor General having at the same time requested to know whether Major General Duff was entitled to a continuation of the pay he had received from your Hon'ble Court from the period to which he had been paid in England Vizt. 24th June 1796, we directed that he should be allowed the same pay from that date.

42. The Military Auditor General submitted for our decisions a bill for Office rent at the rate of 250 Rupees per Month drawn by Major Hugh Mackay Gordon the Acting Quarter Master General to His Majesty's Troops in India.

43. Tho' Office rent was not established for any former Quarter Master General of the King's Troops from their not having been obliged to hire a House for that purpose, yet as Major Gordon has been under the necessity of hiring a House,

Cons. 17th April
No. 20

and as the Quarter Master General and Adjutant General of your Service on this Establishment and the Adjutant General of the King's Troops have each an allowance of 250 Rupees per Month for Office rent, and by your Orders are directed to be all put on the same footing we deemed it just to make the same allowance to Major Gordon.

44. In consequence of the Arrival of his Majesty's 27th Regiment of Light Dragoons at this Presidency, it became necessary to fix the rates of pay for the different ranks of Officers and Men in that Corps.

Cons. 28th April
No. 12 to 14

45. Assuming the relative value of English Bengal and Madras Money as fixed by the Orders of your Hon'ble Court, Vizt. 2s. 6d. the Sonaut rupee and eight Shillings the Pagoda, we resolved that the pay of the Commissioned Officers should be the same as that of the corresponding ranks in the Company's Cavalry, excepting in those ranks of which the British full pay exceeded the Company's; in which cases, we agreed to allow his Majesty's Officers the full Amount of their British pay.

46. Having no data on this Establishment for fixing the pay of Non-Commissioned and private European Dragoons, we had recourse to the rates of pay at Madras, and determined that the ranks in his Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons serving under this Presidency shall receive the same pay and difference between the King's and Company's pay, as the corresponding ranks on the 19th Regiment of Dragoons.

Board of Superintendence

47. The Board of Superintendance recommended to us the erection of Hospital Stables for the use of the Stud, and of Stables for one hundred Foals, suggesting at the same time that these Buildings should be made Pucka, instead of Cutcha, as being ultimately cheaper from their greater durability, and in consideration of the consequences that would attend their falling or being blown down, of which there would necessarily be great apprehension, were they to be built of Cutcha Materials. We accordingly authorized the erection of these Buildings with Pucka materials limiting the expence of the former to Sicca rupees 1,824 and of the latter to Sicca Rupees 3,663.

Cons. 27th March
No. 28 & 29

48. The Board of Superintendance having also represented that a Farrier was indispensibly necessary for the Stud; and Mr. Milner, the person at present employed in that capacity, having conducted himself very much to the satisfaction of the Superintendant, and his allowance of 20 Rupees P. Month affording but a very inadequate encouragement to induce his continuance in his present employment, the duties of which are daily increasing, we agreed, at their recommendation, to allow Mr. Milner a Salary of 100 Rupees P. Month.

Miscellanea

49. In the 63d paragraph of our letter of the 27th of February last, We informed you of our determination that his Majesty's 27th Dragoons, 33d

and 78th Regiments of Foot, should receive Company's allowances from the date of their arrival at this Presidency. It having been subsequently represented to us that some parts of these Corps not only landed, but did duty at the other Presidencies, we considered it equitable, that the Company's Allowances should be given to the parts of these Corps so employed on Duty, from the date of their arrival at the first port in India.

Cons. 27th March No. 2 to 4

50. The Provincial Commander of the Army laid before us a representation from the Officers of the Southern Detachment under the command of Major General Erskine, stating the inadequacy of their Allowances on distant and expensive Service, and Soliciting an augmentation of them. This representation militating with your orders, we did not think proper to comply with it.

Cons. 27th March No. 30

51. In consequence of the return of the Ship Thomas to Calcutta, we have transferred the Invalids who were embarked on this Ship to the Extra Ship Ranger. A list of their Names and rank forms a number in the packet.

Cons. 7th April No. 3

52. You will receive a number in the packet a Statement transmitted to us by our desire by the Madras Government shewing the estimated excess of Expence of the New Military Arrangements at that Presidency.

53. The Commander in Chief having laid before us a representation from the Surgeons of the 10th and 4th Native Regiments forming part of the Detachment under the Command of Major General Erskine, stating, that the established Carriage for the Sick of a Native Regiment was inadequate to the probable demand of it in the situation in which these Regiments were serving, and as it might not be practicable to procure occasional Carriage immediately on its being required, We agreed at his recommendation to allow ten additional Doolies for each of these Regiments until they should be fixed in some settled Camp or Cantonment.

Cons. 10th April No. 1 to 4

54. In our letter of the 1st February 1796, we informed you that Ensign Wilson of the Engineer Corps had obtained our permission to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health. Ensign Wilson embarked on the Favourite; but the Ship having been captured by the French Squadron off Acheen, he returned to this Presidency, and has since rejoined his Corps. In consideration of the circumstances of his case, We agreed that he should be considered during his absence in respect to allowances, in the same predicament as an Officer absent at Sea by permission for the Recovery of his Health.

55. We transmit for the information of your Hon'ble Court a Number in the packet, a list of promotions that have been made since the 1st of March at, with a list of appointments &ca. furnished by the Adjutant General.

56. You will also receive a separate Number in the packet, the

prescribed Certificate of pay to Officers, who have had permission to proceed to Europe.

We have the honor to be,
Hon'ble Sirs,
Your most faithful
humble servants.

Fort William
the 28th April 1797.

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LETTER DATED 28 AUGUST 1797

Supply of gun-carriages by Commissary of Stores—liquor for Madras from Bengal—passage money for officers on sick leave—new furlough rules—allowances of various army officers—cavalry arrangements—reasons for rejecting Maj. General Stuart's claims—introduction of horse artillery—appointments and furlough—repairs and additions to military buildings—piggery and cattle farm at Bandel—deficiencies in accounts of stoppage of allowances of sick Europeans—allowance of Rs. 3 a month restricted to orphans—question of passage money to King's troops—table allowance to Colonels of Regiments—Capt. Owen recalled from recruiting service at Cape of Good Hope—approval of Mallet's proposal to improve agriculture dismissal of Surgeons for addressing Company in disrespectful terms.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. In our letters of the 13th of March and 28th of April last, by the Tellicherry, we had the honor to inform you that Copies of our proceedings referred to in these letters, would be forwarded by the first opportunity.

2. We now have the honor to forward these proceedings by the Zephyr Packet, together with a Copy of our subsequent proceedings to the 28th of August 1797, the date of this letter.

3. Previous to entering on the details in the last mentioned proceedings, we shall reply to the following paragraphs of your letter of the 5th of August 1796, which remain to be answered.

Para 16. Approving of the Commissary of Stores being appointed the Agent for the Provision of Gun Carriages, &ca. and requiring

4. We transmit a Number in the Packet, a letter from the Military Board, with a Statement exhibiting the comparative Expence of the

a report of this Experiment as well with respect to the Construction and durability of the Gun Carriages as to the Comparative expence to the Company under the Contracting System and whether the Agency thus assigned, to the Commissary of Stores be in any wise incompatible with the duties of his Official Situation, or contrary to existing Regulations.

Carriages supplied during the Agency of the late Company [*sic*] of Stores, and those made up before the establishment of that Agency, by Contract.

5. From the short period which has elapsed since the Establishment of the Agency the Military Board have not had sufficient Experience of the Carriages made up by the late Captain Golding, to enable them to report satisfactory [*sic*] on their construction and durability. On these points you will hereafter receive the necessary information.

6. Agreeably to the existing Regulations, an Officer in Charge of Military Stores, is not allowed to supply any Stores himself, but in the Instance of Captain Golding, the Advantages derivable from the Agency were granted to him (as will appear from the Governor General's Minute, alluded to by your Hon'ble Court) in consideration of the inadequate Salary annexed to the laborious Office of Commissary of Stores, and under the conviction that as all the Carriages to be tendered by him, were, previous to their Admission into the Arsenal, to be inspected and reported upon by a Committee of the Military Board, there would exist the most effectual Check against the reception of defective Carriages into the Public Stores.

Para 20. Desiring to be informed of the Charges in establishing the Depots, the Annual Expenditure in keeping them sufficiently supplied &ca.

7. The Charges of establishing and keeping up the Military Depots of Provisions will all appear in the Book of every Official Year, made up in that Department; and the Information required by your Hon'ble Court will be reported as early as possible after the closing of the Books. Some details that will shortly be prepared, remain to be obtained from the Garrison Store Keeper's Office, to enable them to complete the Depot Books to the close of the last Official Year of Account, which will exhibit fully the required Information.

Para 21. Relative to European Articles required for the Depots, and stating that the Madeira Wine be sent this Season, as none of the

8. Requires no reply.

Ships are to touch at the Island of Madeira.

23. Desiring to be informed whether Provisions cannot be stated [salted] in India, and what would be the Expence of the same Pr. Ton.

9. Provisions can be salted in Bengal at the Rate of about 446 Sa.Rs. P. Ton, as will appear from the Report of the Military Board recorded on our proceedings of the 14th of August.

24. Relative to Short delivery and breakage of Shot and Shells.

10. The deficiencies alluded to appertained to consignments to Fort St. George, and not to those for Bengal, and were noticed to us by the Military Board, for the purpose of pointing them out to your Hon'ble Court and we conclude that you will long since have received an Account of the deficiencies on each Ship, from the Madras Government.

Para 47. Stating, that in consequence of the great difficulty of procuring Arms, &ca. of the best quality, none would be sent to India this Season.

11. No reply.

48. Advising that the Number of Mamooties required in the Indents were laden on the Ships of the Season.

12. The Military Board have informed us that the Number of Mamooties indented for on Indent No. 842 of 1791/2 and 480 of 1794/5, was 10,000 of which 9,396 have been received.

49. Relative to six Gun Carriages sent from England, and stating that no more would be sent to India.

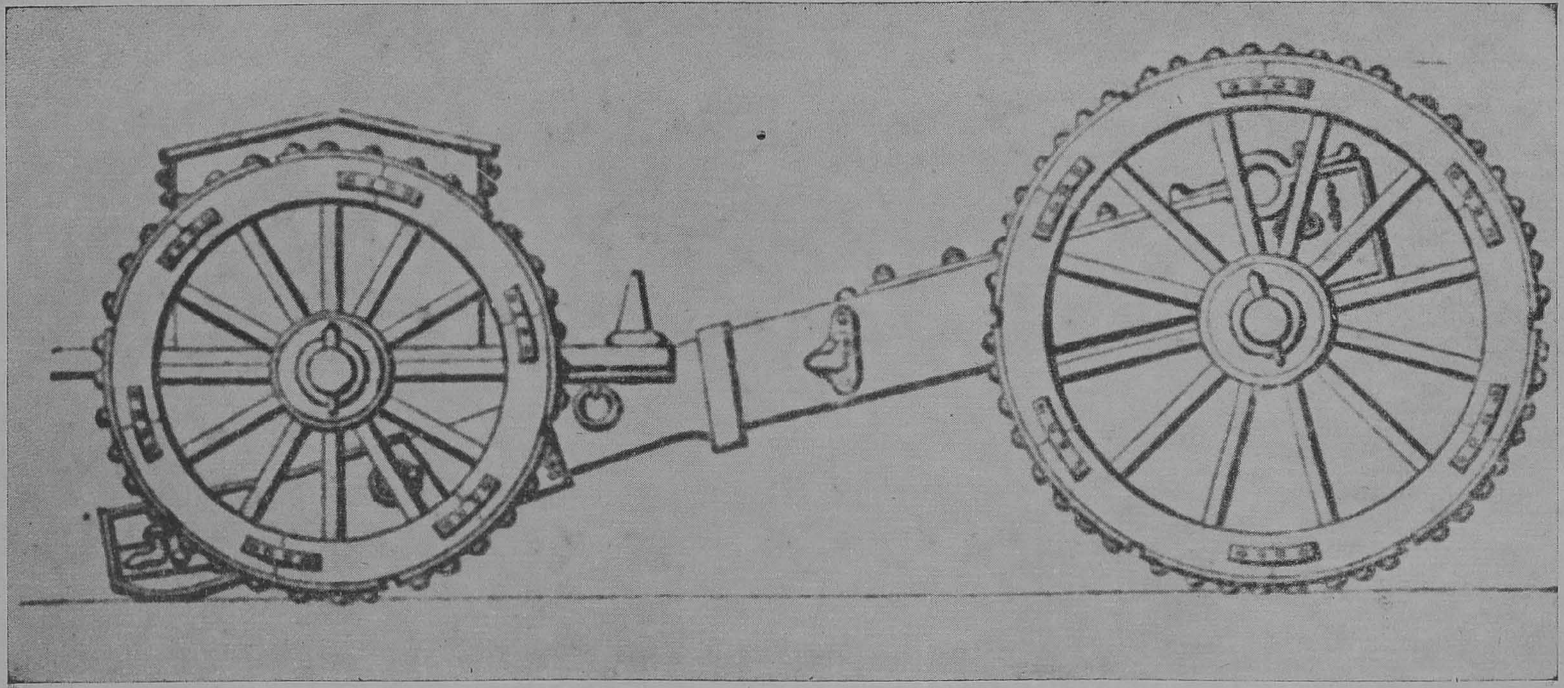
13. No reply.

Para 50. Noticing the neat manner in which the Bengal Carriage is constructed and desiring an Account of the Expence of making a Gun Carriage.

14. We have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet, a Statement marked No. 2 shewing the Expence of making up an 18 Pounder Field Carriage with Limbers for an Iron Gun, Amounting to Sa. Rs. 910-3-8½.

53. Approving of the Advertisement for executing the

15. In the Chief Engineers General Estimate of the probable



Field Carriage (Bengal Pattern)

necessary Repairs and Additions to the Cantonments at Barrackpore, and Dinapore, and remarking that the cause of the Estimates not appearing on the Proceedings is not noticed.

Expences on Account of Military Works, Buildings and repairs for the Year 1794/5, he estimated the Expence at Dinapore at 3,37,667 but we determined not to authorize the Expenditure of so large a Sum, and by the terms of the Contract subsequently concluded with Messrs. Lambert & Ross the Expence was reduced to Sa. Rs. 2,33,906.

Madras

16. The Government of Fort St. George, having informed us, that they had abolished the late System of providing liquor for the use of the Troops by Agency and recommended that Advertisements should be annually published here for proposals to furnish at stated periods a certain quantity of proof Spirits to be delivered on the Beach at Madras, and to undergo an examination on being landed, in the presence of the persons to whom it might be consigned by the Contractors, in order to ascertain its quality, and that such quantity as might not be approved should be returned on the Contractors hands.

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17. They informed us that the quantity Consumed at that Presidency, amounted upon an Average of the last Six Years, to Nine hundred and thirtyone Leaguers* but intimated that it was not their wish to have the whole quantity supplied from Bengal, as they intended to procure by contract a proportion of Columbo Arrack which is said to be Cheaper than Bengal Rum, and under certain preparations, is an excellent and wholesome Spirit.

18. We directed the Military Board to prepare an Advertisement for the supply of the liquor and desired them to specify in it that the liquor Contracted for would, when opportunities might offer, be Shipped on the Indiamen that might proceed to fill up their Tonnage at Madras, in order that, by Exempting the Contractor from the Charge of freight and Insurance, we might obtain offers on proportionable lower terms.

19. We have since received a draft of the Advertisement, which has been published, and we shall hereafter advise you of the Engagements which we may conclude in consequence of it.

Cons. 21st Augt. No. 48 & 49

20. Lieutenant John Carruthers of the Madras Establishment, having in consequence of Severe Sickness whilst on duty at Malacca, been under the necessity of quitting that place and coming to Bengal for the benefit of his health, his friends applied to us through the Commander in Chief for Permission for his proceeding to Europe without waiting the result of a regular application to the Madras Government, the State of his health being such as in the Opinion

Cons. 11th Augt. No. 3

*Measure of liquor equalling 159 imperial gallongs approximately.

of the faculty, would have rendered it dangerous for him to have postponed his departure for so long a period as would have been requisite for obtaining a reply to an application to that Presidency.

21. To enable Lieutenant Carruthers to proceed to Europe, his friends applied to us to allow him the passage Money of his rank with Six Months Advance of pay and his arrears and in consideration of the circumstances of his case, we, Agreed to allow him the usual passage Money of his rank on producing the Certificate of Sickness prescribed by your orders of the 8th of January 1796, and the prescribed Affidavit respecting the Amount of his property; and also to pay him an advance of Six Months Pay and whatever arrears might be due to him.

Cons. 28th Augt. No. 30 to 33

22. Lieutenant Carruthers has since produced these Certificates accompanied by his bills, and we have directed the Military Auditor General to Check his bills as far as may be practicable before payment.

23. We shall acquaint the Madras Government with the circumstances that have induced us to permit Lieutenant Carruthers to proceed direct to Europe without their sanction, and shall furnish them at the same time with Copies of his bills in order that they may adjust the accounts of Lieutenant Carruthers according to the Regulations of that Presidency, and that they may also transmit such information on the subject to your Hon'ble Court as will enable you to determine the proper period from which he will be entitled to draw pay in England.

Bombay

Cons. 22d May No. 3

24. The Bombay Government having requested to be informed whether we had received any and what Instructions from your Hon'ble Court, respecting the Amount of passage Money to be allowed for Military Officers returning to Europe upon Certificates of Sickness, or if we had established any fixed allowance as passage Money to Officers in that predicament, we acquainted them in reply, that no particular Instructions on that subject had been received by us from your Hon'ble Court, but furnished them with an Extract from our Resolutions of the 29th July 1796, observing at the same time that Officers of a higher Rank than that of Subaltern including Brevet Captains, are not entitled to Passage Money in the case of Sickness; and that this Rule had not been deviated from by us except in two recent Instances that appeared to us entitled to particular consideration, in which passage Money had been granted to an Officer of the Rank of full Captain, to which he had been recently promoted, and also to a Captain Lieutenant, on their producing the prescribed Certificate from the Hospital Board, setting forth the necessity of their proceeding to Europe for the Recovery of their health with Affidavits, that their property did not exceed the Sum of 1000 £.

25. We also informed the Government of Bombay, that we considered Assistant Surgeons under similar circumstances entitled to the passage Money

of Subaltern Officers, upon producing the prescribed Certificates of Sickness and Affidavits relative to the Amount of their property.

Military Arrangements

26. The Commander in Chief laid before us a Memorial from the Lieutenants who were Cadets of the Season 1782, soliciting that they may be promoted to the Rank of Brevet Captain when they shall have been 15 years in the Service together with a Minute from himself on the occasion, copies of which we have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet, for your decision on the prayer of the Memorialists.

Cons. 5th May No. 1 to 3

27. The Commander in Chief observed that after frequent perusals, and an attentive consideration of the orders of your Hon'ble Court respecting Officers in Europe, under the former Regulations, who should not return to their Duty by the Ships of the Season 1795/6, he entertained some doubts as to the Intentions of your Hon'ble Court, with regard to the posting of Officers in this predicament to Corps; and therefore submitted the question for our consideration.

28. Having maturely considered the several Orders of your Hon'ble Court on this subject, we were of opinion that it never would have been your intention, that Officers should be permitted to remain in England for an undefined period of time, and that it therefore became our Duty to determine the period of their absence. We accordingly passed the following Resolutions, which, we trust, will meet the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

First. "That such of the Officers deemed eligible to return to the Service, according to the list transmitted with the letter from your Hon'ble Court dated the 8th January 1796, as had been in England for the period of two Years from the date of their Arrival previous to the Sailing of the last Ship of 1795/6, and of the extension of whose leave of Absence no intimation had been received from you, and who did not return to their duty before the 25th of April 1797, were not entitled to be continued on the Strength of Corps."

Second. "That such Officers as had not been in England for the space of two years on the Sailing of the last Ship of 1795/6, and such as went home under the permission of this Government under date the 15th December 1795, or were included in it, and, in the confirmation of it by your Hon'ble Court, were entitled to be continued posted to Corps until their leave of Absence should have expired, according to the preceding construction of your Orders."

Third. "That these rules should be considered to extend equally to Officers eligible to the Command of Regiments or similar Situations."

29. The Commander in Chief laid before us a Minute, a Copy of which we have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet, respecting the situation of the Officers at Mowa [Monea], the New Cavalry Cantonment

with respect to their being allowed half Batta and House Rent instead of Full Batta, and suggesting for our Consideration, whether under the circumstances attending their situation, full Batta should not be allowed to them, until the Cantonments should be built, instead of House Rent.

30. Having fully considered the circumstances detailed in the Commander in Chief's Minute, we agreed to allow the Officers Stationed at Mowa full Batta, until the Bungalows should be ready for their reception, but no House Rent.

31. The Commander in Chief in a Minute (a Copy of which is forwarded a Number in the Packet) having recommended that an Additional Monthly Allowance of Rs. 25-5-4, should be granted to the Paymaster of His Majesty's Regiment of Cavalry and Rs. 32-2-8 to each of the Paymasters of His Majesty's Regiments of Infantry, in order to put them on a footing with Officers in the same Situations on the Coast, we approved of the proposed additions, which make the allowance of a Paymaster of a Regiment of Cavalry, as such St. Rs. 65-5-4, and that of a Paymaster of a Regiment of Infantry St. Rs. 78-10 P Month.

Cons. 19th May
Nos. 1 to 4

32. The Commander in Chief laid before us a letter from Major General Popham soliciting a reconsideration of his claim to Field Tent Money, during his late Movement from Chunar towards the Field Stations, which we had previously rejected by our Resolutions of the 8th May, on the grounds, that his situation was not such as to entitle him to the Tent Money fixed by your Hon'ble Court for the General Officers on the Staff, when employed in actual Service, in the Field during War, we in consideration of the similarity of General Popham's situation, with that of the General Officers Commanding in the Field, as noticed by the Commander in Chief, resolved to rescind our former Resolution, and to admit his claim.

Cons. 26th May
Nos. 19 to 23

33. On the Arrival of the period for the nomination of the General Officers to the Staff, the Commander in Chief laid before us a Minute on the subject, which, and a Minute from the Governor General, are transmitted a number in the Packet.

Cons. 26th May
No. 2

34. Referring you to these Minutes, we shall here only observe, that, we resolved, in addition to Major Generals Craig and St. Leger already nominated by His Majesty, to appoint Major Generals Charles Morgan, Patrick Duff, John Erskine, and Robert Stuart to the Staff of this Establishment.

35. In consequence of the Absence of Generals Craig and Erskine, we have also appointed Major General[s] George Deare and Edward Rawstorne on the Staff till further Orders.

Cons. 5th June
No. 8

36. We directed that the Allowances fixed for General Officers on the Staff drawn by Major General[s] Brisco, Fullarton, Forbes, Jones and

Popham, should cease from the 1st July, and that the Appointments of Aid-de-Camp to the above Officers shall cease from the same period.

37. Considering it incompatible with the Rank of General Officers to perform Regimental duties with their Regiments or Corps as Colonels, when mixed with other troops, we have given to the General Officers not upon the Staff, the option of returning to Europe or residing in this country, until their services shall be called for.

38. Although under the circumstances of General Officers being withdrawn from the Regimental duties of their Respective Corps, they are in strictness entitled only to the pay of Colonel and the Off-reckonings of their Regiments, the circumstances of their Case appeared to us such as fully to Warrant the Exercise of the discretion vested in us by your Hon'ble Court of granting relief in instances in which the allowances of Officers might be materially reduced, to allow the Major Generals not on the Staff, whilst residing in India, the full Batta of Colonel, until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court should be known.

39. We have agreed that a Major of Brigade should be appointed to each Station, as at present, and that the Majors of Brigade serving with the General Officers, and who have been nominated by His Majesty, shall be considered as part of the Staff attached to His Majesty's Troops.

40. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, the Generals on the Staff have been appointed, to command at the undermentioned Stations.

Presidency—Major	General		Duff
Berhampore—	,,	,,	Morgan
Dinapore—	,,	,,	St. Leger
Chunar—	,,	,,	Erskine
Cawnpore—	,,	,,	Craig
Futty Ghur—	,,	,,	Stuart

Major General Stuart to Command at Cawnpore until the Arrival of General Craig and Major General Rawstorne at Futty Ghur, till further Orders and Major General Deare at Chunar till further Orders".

41. We have carried into effect the Separation of the Corps of Cavalry from the Infantry; and the Officers belonging to it are to rise on a General Cavalry List, according to their present Standing on the Army List, until the pleasure of Your Hon'ble Court shall be received relative to the suspension of Regimental Rank.

Cons. 29th May

42. We have resolved that no Officers shall be in future admitted into the Cavalry, but as Cornets, and that the relative rank of Cornets appointed to the Corps prior to the receipt of the List of Cadets from your Hon'ble Court shall be adjusted, according to the places they hold on those Lists, without reference to the periods of their Introduction into

the Cavalry; but that after the present Vacancies shall be filled up, Officers, whose Ranks are settled shall only be transferred to the Cavalry as Youngest Cornets, and that they shall also Rank below those of the same Season with Officers who may be with the Corps, at the time of the transfer, although such should be subsequently admitted.

43. We have appointed Major General Rawstorne Commandant of Cavalry, Captain Lieutenant H. D. Fawcett, Major of Brigade and Major Richard Macan to the Command of the 4th Regiment of Cavalry.

44. We have continued Major J. Welsh in the Command of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry, as Major, until the Lieutenant Colonels of Infantry, of whom there is one in excess, be reduced to the fixed Complement, and agreed that Vacancies for two Captain Lieutenants be left in the Corps of Cavalry to be supplied by Lieutenants Middleton and Frith (already attached to the Cavalry) when the Lieutenants of Infantry their Seniors are promoted, and the Captain Lieutenants of Infantry, of whom there are two in excess, become reduced to the fixed Establishment, and that exclusive of them there be the full complement of Lieutenants to the Cavalry and two Lieutenants deficient in the Infantry.

45. As there is at present one Supernumerary Lieutenant, in the Cavalry, we have continued him in the Corps. leaving a deficiency of One Cornet.

Cons. 29th May No. 69

46. Understanding that Officers who have occasionally obtained leave of Absence to any of the other Presidencies, or the Cape of Good Hope, for the benefit of their Health, have experienced with Inconvenience and distress from the mode at present observed in drawing their pay, we directed at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that the pay of such Officers as might be desirous of having their Allowances payable in Calcutta, should not be included in the Abstract of Companies, but that they should furnish the Military Auditor General with certificates of the last pay received from their respective Paymasters, and that he should pass their pay &ca. in separate Bills during their Absence.

Cons. 2nd June No. 1A

47. The Commander in Chief having stated to us that the present Allowances annexed to the Official Situation of Adjutant to the Marine Battalion, were not proportioned to the Expences for Writers and Stationary which he must necessarily incur in keeping the various details of so large a Corps and so much dispersed, and recommended that the Office of Adjutant to the Marine Battalion should be converted into that of Adjutant and Quarter Master, with the usual Allowances; we agreed to this proposition.

Cons. 5th June

48. We transmit to you a Number in the Packet, an address laid before us by the Commander in Chief from Major General Stuart, appealing to your Hon'ble Court against a decision passed by us rejecting his Claims to certain allowances.

49. General Stuart refers to his letters of the 22nd November 96, to the Governor General in Council and the late Commander in Chief, for the grievances to which he alludes.

50. From the former of these letters you will observe that the first of his claims consists of the difference between the Allowances which he "received as Lieutenant Colonel, and every Allowance of pay, Batta, Table Allowance, Revenue and Bazar Money &ca. of full Colonel as formerly established in this Service, from the 1st March 1794, the date of his Colonels Commission, to the 1st June 1796, when the present Arrangements took place, the Minutes of Council of the 1st May 1796, directing all difference of Batta to be paid to Officers promoted to Brevet Rank from the dates of their respective promotions, and his Rank being positive and not Brevet Rank, and consequently entitling him to equally the difference of pay as well as of Batta, Table Allowance, Revenue and Bazar Money."

51. Hence it appears that General Stuart grounds his claim to the foregoing allowance from the 1st of March 1794, to the 1st June 1796, upon his Rank as Colonel, being positive, and not Brevet Rank.

52. It only remains therefore for us to shew to your Hon'ble Court that this rank as Colonel for the whole of the above period, was Brevet Rank only, to prove that he was not entitled to the above mentioned allowances.

53. The following is an Extract of our Minutes of Council of the 1st May 1796; "Brevet promotions to take place in consequence of such General Brevets granted in His Majesty's Service, as have been notified to the Commander in Chief, with a retrospect to the period of the 9th July 1783".

"Lieutenant Colonels from the 9th July 1783 to the 24th October 87 to be Colonels in the Army from the 1st of March 1794:

Lieutenant Colonel John Erskine
" " Rovert Stuart."

53a. Had it not been for the introduction of Brevet Rank, to place the Officers of your Army on a footing with those of His Majesty's Service, who had been included in any of the General Brevets granted by the King, since the 9th July 1783, General Stuart would not have received nor have been entitled to the Rank of Colonel *before* the 1st June 1796, at which period he was, in consequence of the new Military Arrangements, promoted to that rank, for the purpose of completing the Establishment, by a Minute of Council, dated the 30th May 1796, of which the following is an Extract—"Resolved, that the following promotions be made to complete the new Establishment.

Brevet Colonel—J. Erskine
" " Robert Stuart
" " G. Johnstone
To be Colonels."

"That the new Regulations for the payments of the Army have effect from the 1st June, and that the Commissions of the Officers now promoted, be dated on that day."

54. The species of Rank conferred upon General Stuart and the other Officers, is clearly and expressly defined in these Extracts, exclusive of which General Stuart might have known that the Establishment of this Army did not admit of his promotion to the Rank of Colonel before the 1st of June 1796, and consequently, that it was the Brevet Rank of Colonel which he enjoyed previous to that period.

55. With regard to Revenue Money General Stuart has been included in the various distributions, and received his Share according to this Rank and situation, agreeably to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court for distributing the Sum allotted for that purpose.

56. Bazar Money was conferred to Colonels in command of Stations, with a small proportion to the Officers Commanding at Midnapore, Monghyr and Buxar, and the Town Major of Fort William; and as General Stuart was not a full Colonel on the Establishment before the 1st June 1796, he consequently was not eligible to share as one, in the distribution of that Fund.

57. With respect to his claim for the Allowances of a General on the Staff; we have to observe that though the General Officers for the Staff were not selected on the 1st June 96, yet, as we had directed the payments of the Army according to the new Regulations to be made from that day; and as by these Regulations (as has already been stated to your Hon'ble Court) the Allowances of the Officers who, before the adoption of the new system held, the Rank of full Colonel on the Establishment, and were consequently in Command of Stations, and in the receipt of Revenue and Bazar Money &ca. were considerably reduced, we deemed it equitable to grant the allowances fixed by you for Generals on the Staff, to the General Officers in Command of Stations, who had held the Rank of Colonel and similar Commands previous to the New Regulations, and also to Colonel Deare, the Commandant of Artillery, who, from having held the Rank of full Colonel, on this Establishment since the death of Colonel Pearse, in consequence of your orders, had also suffered in the same proportions as the other full Colonels by a decrease of his Allowances.

58. For the period between the 1st of March 94, and the 1st June 96, Major General Stuart held the Rank of *Lieutenant Colonel on the Establishment*, of this Army, and Major General Deare that of *Colonel*, and we cannot admit as stated by General Stuart the General Deare opon whom the Rank of full Colonel was conferred, in due course of promotion in the Corps, to which he belonged on the death of Colonel Pearse in Conformity to your orders, allowing that Rank to the Senior Officer of Artillery,

and which was afterwards confirmed by you with a restriction suggested by the Governor General in Council, "had been Eight Years in the receipt of full Colonel's Allowances out of his turn."

59. The above explanations will, no doubt, satisfy your Hon'ble Court that our rejection of Major General Stuart's Claim was perfectly consistent with the rules of the Service.

60 Colonel McKenzie Commanding His Majesty's 78th Regiment having applied to us for the same Staff Allowances being granted to the Adjutant of his Regiment as are drawn by the Adjutants of your
Cons. 9th June No. 33 & 34
Regiments of European Infantry; and as the same reasions which induced us to continue the additional Monthly Sum of 100 Rupees to the Adjutants of your Regiments of European Infantry which had formerly been paid from the Off-Reckoning Funds, (as noticed to your Hon'ble Court in the 31st paragraph of our letter of the 31st December last) were equally applicable to the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments, we deemed it just and proper to put the latter on a footing in point of Staff Allowances with the former.

61. A similar application had been previously made to us by the Adjutants of your Battalions of Artillery, and as their present
Cons. 17th April 9th June
Staff Allowances appeared to us inadequate to the duties of their Stations, we extended to them the Additional Allowance of 100 Rupees P Month.

62. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we have confirmed in the permanent Command of Battalions of
Cons. 9th June
Artillery and Regiments of European and Native Infantry the Colonels who were nominated to the temporary Command of these Corps, by our Resolutions of the 30th May 96.

63. The Commander in Chief in a Minute (of which a Copy is transmitted a number in the Packet) having observed, that although it had been determined according to the usage of His Majesty's Army
Cons. 12th June No. 1
the implied intention of your Hon'ble Court that General Officers not appointed to the Staff shall not serve in the line, yet there were situations in which some of the Major Generals might be employed without inconvenience to the public Service or interference with any other Troops besides those within the limits of their own Command and pointed out the Forts of Buxar and Monghyr as situations of this description.

64. We in consequence, appointed Major General Brisco Commandant of Monghyr, and Major General Fullarton Commandant
Cons. 16th June
of Buxar with an allowance of Sa. Rs. 2,000 Pr. Month each, in lieu of Batta and every other Allowance or whatever, excepting their pay of Colonel, and the Off-reckonings of their Regiments.

65. We at the same time notified in public Orders that the Commandants of Buxar and Monghyr were not to exercise any authority, nor to interfere with Troops that might be employed in the Districts in which these Forts are situated or which might occasionally be passing in the Vicinity of them.

66. An Allowance of 250 Rs. P Month was formerly drawn by the Commandant at Buxar for examining passengers there and at the Mouth of the Dewah. We have ordered, that this duty shall in future be performed by the Fort Adjutant of Buxar, on a reduced Allowance of 150 Rupees a Month for his trouble and preparing and transmitting to us the Monthly Lists of the passengers.

67. The Officer Commanding at Monghyr has hitherto had the general Command of all the Invalids both European and Native; but as the European Invalids are quartered at Chunar, it appeared to the Commander in Chief, that it would be advisable to separate *sic* them from his general controul—We accordingly adopted this Arrangement, continuing the European Invalids in the immediate charge of Lieutenant Colonel Hartley [?].

68. The Superintendance of the Native Invalids and the dispatching of such of them as may be annually transferred to the Tannah Establishment, will continue vested in the Commandant of Monghyr.

69. In consequence of the separation of the European Invalids from the Command of the Officer at Monghyr, we determined, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief to abolish the post of Adjutant to the Corps of Invalids, and in lieu of it to establish the post of "Fort Adjutant of Monghyr," with the same Allowances as were drawn by him as Adjutant to the Invalids.

70. That every possible care might be taken of the families of the Men belonging to the Marine Battalion, during their Absence on the intended Expedition; the Commander in Chief gave orders to have them collected within the limits of the Barrackpore Cantonments, and as the Men were solicitous that a portion of their pay should, during their Absence, be appropriated for the Subsistence of their Families, and as the Regular payment of these Monthly could not be so well provided for as through the Agency of a person specially appointed to that trust, we readily agreed to the Commander in Chief's recommendation for the appointment of Captain D. T. Richardson' for the discharge of this duty, with an Allowance equal to that of an Adjutant of Sepoy Battalion, Vizt. 104 St. Rs. a Month for his trouble, and defraying the Expence of Writers, Sircars and Stationary.

Cons. 12th June No. 8

71. The Commander in Chief having proposed to visit the Upper Stations of the Army, we concurred entirely in the Expediency of the Measure and he has accordingly proceeded on his Journey.

72. Previous to his departure; the Commander in Chief left with us a Minute on the subject of the plan for an Establishment of Horse Artillery proposed by Major General St. Leger, which in the 137th paragraph of your letter of the 5th August 1796, you direct us to take into consideration, reporting to you our opinion on it.

Cons. 19th June No. 1, 2 & 3

73. The Minute of the Commander in Chief and the papers containing a description of the Guns and Carriages, and Statement of a small Establishment of Horse Artillery attached to the independant Regiment of Hindoostanny Cavalry under the Command of Major Bruce, are forwarded Numbers in the Packet, and we shall only further observe on the subject, that agreeably to the propositions of the Commander in Chief we determined that the Experiment of the Horse Artillery should be made at the Presidency, and requested that he would issue the necessary Orders for that purpose.

74. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief Ensign Henry Dundas Boyle has been transferred from the Infantry to the Artillery as the Youngest Lieutenant Fire Worker, with Rank as such from the 9th of December 1795.

Cons. 19th June No. 9

75. On our Proceedings noted in the Margin, is recorded a Memorial from Lieutenant L. N. Berkley of Invalids, transmitted to us by the Commander in Chief, praying to be restored to the effective Establishment of your Regular Corps of Infantry.

Cons. 26th June No. 85 to 10 [3]

76. We have only to observe that we refused to comply with a similar application from Lieutenant Berkley on the 18th of March 1796, and that as this Memorial afforded no grounds to induce us to alter our former Resolution, we cannot recommend a Compliance with his application to your Hon'ble Court.

77. This determination has been noticed to Lieutenant Berkley and we could not afford noticing the impropriety of his submitting to us the document styled an Apologetic Address to the Bengal Army, which was written in Verse.

78. In consequence of the division of the Detachment that Marched to the Southward under the Command of Major General Erskint by the March of one of the Regiments and the Company of Artillery to Hyderabad, to relieve the Madras Corps serving with the Nizam, we deemed the continuance of the General on the Coast unnecessary, and have therefore recalled him for the purpose of assuming the Command of the Station of Chunar, to which he stands appointed.

Cons. 17th July

79. We have also abolished the appointment of Brigade Major which became unnecessary in consequence of the division of the Detachment, and

at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief nominated Captain Gerard, who was the Senior Brigade Major with the Bengal Troops on the Coast, Brigade Major to the Detachment at Hydrabad, in the room of Lieutenant William Campbell.

80. We have also reduced the Office of Pay Master and Commissary of Bazars to the Southern Detachment and appointed Captain Hume Deputy Pay Master to the 4th Regiment, with the same reduced Salary and Establishment of Office as are allowed to the Deputy Pay Master at Hydrabad.

Appointments, Removals and Furloughs &ca.

81. We have made the following appointments &ca.

Mr. Robert Wilson Assistant Surgeon, appointed Surgeon to the Residency with Sindia.
Cons. 12th June

Brevet Captain John Harris to be Brigade Major, Vice Fawcett appointed Major of Brigade to the Cavalry.
Cons. 19th June No. 4

Mr. William Hunter Surgeon, to be a Presidency Surgeon in the room of Mr. S. Mathews resigned.
Do. Do.

Mr. Charles Cornish Assistant Surgeon appointed Surgeon to the Marine in the Room of Mr. Mathews Resigned.
Do. Do.

Captain Andrew Gloss of Artillery appointed Commissary of Ordnance Vice Captain Lieutenant Toppin resigned.
Do. Do.

82. On the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we Agreed to send three Officers of Engineers of this Establishment on the Expedition; and he has Nominated Ensigns Smyth, Clephane and Macleod to proceed accordingly.
Cons. 10th July No. 4

83. Mr. Andrew Seton [is] appointed Deputy Paymaster to Troops at Chunar.
Cons. 17th July

84. We have appointed Ensign Barrington Bradshaw of His Majesty's 80th Regiment Paymaster to the Troops proceeding from hence on Expedition with a Salary of St. Rs. 500 a Month including the Pay and Batta of his Rank, and 275 Rupees P. Month to defray all expences of his Office.
Cons. 21st July

85. Ensign Bradshaw has been informed that he will be supplied Monthly, on application to the Commander of the Expedition, with Money for the Payment of the Detachment, and we have authorized him, if necessary, to draw upon us in the usual mode by bills of Exchange on the Military Paymaster General to be Countersigned by the Officer Commanding the Expedition.

86. We thought proper to require from Ensign Bradshaw Security to the Amount of 80,000 Rupees being equal to double one Months pay and allowances to the whole Detachment, which he has furnished accordingly.

Cons. 28th July No. 1

87. Mr. Beanland having requested our permission to resign his appointment of Paymaster to the Troops at Prince of Wales Island, we have accepted of his Resignation and appointed Mr. Phillip Manington who has for some time past performed the duties of that Office for Mr. Beanland much to the Satisfaction of the Paymaster General, to succeed him.

Cons. 11th Augt No. 12 & 13

88. The Paymaster General on submitting Mr. Beanland's Resignation observed, that in consequence of the inconsiderable Military Establishment kept up in the Island on the first Settlement of it, it had not been deemed necessary to take Security from the Officer entrusted with the pay of the Military; and he suggested whether it would not be advisable in consideration of the additional Number of Troops now serving on the Island to require a Security from the Paymaster to the Amount of 30,000 Rupees.

89. He at the same time observed that if Security was required, it might be deemed proper to annex some Salary to the Office of Pay Master otherwise, that it could not be reasonably expected that Security would be given.

90. From these considerations, added to the encreased duties of the Office, we deemed it reasonable to make some personal Allowance to the Paymaster, and accordingly granted to Mr. Manington a Salary equal to the Monthly pay and Batta of a Lieutenant Serving on the Island, exclusive of 100 St. Rs. formerly established to defray the expence of Writers, a Sircar and Stationary.

91. Mr. Manington has been required to furnish Security in the Sum of 30,000 Rupees.

92. The following Officers and Assistant Surgeons have had our permission to proceed to Europe and the Cape of Good Hope for the Recovery of his [*sic*] health.

5th May	Captain Lieutenant R. Bowie and Brevet Captain R. Davies to Europe on Sick Certificates.
12th June	Brevet Captain G. Clancy to the Cape and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his health on producing the prescribed pay Certificate.
19th June	The Conditional leave granted to Lieutenant Colonel Vincent on the 11th November last to proceed to Europe on Furlough, confirmed.
19th June	The Conditional permission granted to Major H. Lloyd on the 21st November last to retire from the Service and

proceed to Europe by one of the Ships of the Season, confirmed.

26th June — Mr. Springal Jones Assistant Surgeon to Europe on Account of Sickness.

30th June — Mr. Stephen Mathews Surgeon, to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his health.

10th July — Captain Henry White, to the Cape and eventually to Europe on account of sickness.

11th August — Mr. J. Nasmyth Assistant Surgeon, to Europe for the Recovery of his health.

21st August — Mr. Samuel Williamson Assistant Surgeon, to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the Recovery of his health.

93. On our proceedings of the 8th May is Recorded an application from Captain Lieutenant John Toppin of Artillery who held the Appointment of Commissary of Ordnance and was in Charge of the Expence Magazine in Fort William, requesting permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the Recovery of his health, and soliciting that he might be allowed to retire from the Service on the pay of Commissary, which is that of Captain.

Cons. 8th May No. 1 to 4

94. Captain Lieutenant Toppin not having Served the Number of Years prescribed by your Hon'ble Court to entitle him to retire on full pay as an Officer, (having entered the Service in November 1781) and as your orders do not expressly allow a deduction from the length of Service in any Case, we did not think it adviseable to comply with Captain Lieutenant Toppin's request to be permitted to retire on the pay of Commissary considering however Captain Lieutenant Toppin's Character as an Officer, as attested by General Duff under whose immediate Command he served during the late Mysore War, and the hardship of his case in being compelled to retire from the Service, owing to his having been disabled in the actual discharge of his duty, we are of opinion that he has a strong claim to the humane consideration of your Hon'ble Court.

95. For Captain Toppin's applications[*sic*] and our Correspondence with the Military Board, on the subject, we beg leave to refer you to our proceedings noted in the Margin.

Military Board, Buildings & Agencies

96. The Military Board having represented to us the inconvenience arising to the Public Service in consequence of the Non Attendance at that Board of the Senior Officers, and particularly at that time,

Cons. 12th May No. 37 & 38

from their being deprived of the Aid of the professional knowledge of the Commandant of Artillery, on matters that related to the Ordnance branch of the Service; the Governor General laid before us a Minute on the subject which is transmitted to you a Number in the Packet. We shall here only observe that concurring entirely in the Sentiments of the Governor General we directed Major General Duff to preside at the Military Board as Vice President during the Absence of the Commander in Chief from that Board.

Cons. 3rd May Nos. 26 to 29

97. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the purchase of a Spot of Ground for a New Burying place, for European Soldiers in the Vicinity of the Barrampore Cantonments, the making up of two Hearses or Carts for carrying the bodies to the place of Interment; and the raising the floor of the Sepoy Hospital at that Station under the following limitations as to the Expence.

The purchase of the Burying Ground and enclosing it with a Wall	Sa. Rs. 3,260-8-4
Two Hearses or Carts	240-0-0
Raising the floor of the Sepoy Hospital ..	1,417-1-4

Cons. 3rd May No. 30 to 32

98. The Military Board having submitted to us a letter from the Chief Engineer stating the necessity of repairing the Esplanade Roads, we authorized the Repairs, limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 7,068.

Cons. 3rd May No. 36 to 39

99. We likewise authorized the New Roofing for the Commanding Officers Quarters at Chunar, and the putting two new Doors to the Enclosure of the powder Magazine, limiting the Expence to Benares Sicca Rupees 3,880-5-9; and the making a Barrier Gate, and a pair of strong folding Gates for the passage leading to the Water Gate at that Station at an Expence not exceeding Benares Sicca Rupees 4,146-9-7.

Cons. 3rd May No. 46 to 49

100. The Military Board having recommended to us to authorize for the use of the Officers at the Cantonments of Barrampore, a proportion of Bheasties, equal to that which is allowed in the Field, we called upon them to State more fully the grounds of this recommendation.

Cons. 2nd June No. 19

101. In reply, they acquainted us that the encrease of Bheasties for the Captains and Subalterns at Barrampore, had been strongly urged by the Commanding Officer of the Station, and that they had no hesitation in adding their conviction of the insufficiency of two Bheasties for five Officers Quarters occupied by two Captains and Six Subalterns, adding, that the encreased proportion now recommended was already allowed in Fort William. For

these reasons, we agreed to allow the proportion of Bheasties recommended by them at Barrampore when the quarters are inhabited.

102. We have authorized the repairing the Store Room and Guard Room of the Detachment Stationed at Beerbhoom, at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 80.

Cons. 5th May No. 26

103. We have likewise authorized the making up of the further number of 150 Cotts at Barrampore at 6 Rupees each.

Cons. 5th May No. 28

104. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have authorized the addition of a Pack and Laboratory Serjeant, with two Laboratory Men to the Train Establishment at Dinapore.

Cons. 5th May No. 29 & 30

105. We have also authorized the necessary repairs to the Bungalows allotted for the Commanding Officer at Chunar, and his Aid-de-Camp, the European Invalid Barrack, the European Hospital and their Offices at that Station the Expence not to exceed Sa. Rs. 6,027-13-8 the estimated Amount.

Cons. 22nd May No. 22 to 24

106. We also authorized the annual repairs of the General Hospital, Artillery and Infantry Ranges of Soldiers Barracks, and out Offices, &ca. at Dinapore, at the estimated Expence, Vizt Sa Rs. 2,740-3.

Cons. 22nd May

107. In consequence of a Representation from the Military Board of the Advantages that would arise from the application of the same Machinery to the Old Pilon Mills, at the Powder Works, that has been applied to the new ones, not only by preserving the people from danger, but by reducing the Establishment to one half of the present Number, We agreed to their recommendation limiting the Expence to Sicca Rupees 500 for each Mill.

Cons. 22d May No. 25

108. The Military Board having recommended the addition of a Sirkar or person at 15 Rupees a Month to keep the Accounts of each of the two Companies of Artificers and Workmen, mentioned in the 29th paragraph of our letter to your Hon'ble Court under date the 28th of April last, we determined to comply with their recommendation, as there was a Saving of 37 Rupees a Month, in forming these two Companies compared with the Expence of the Establishments for which they were substituted.

Cons. 22d May No. 34

109. In forming these Companies, we directed that the various descriptions of people heretofore under the Executive Officer in Fort William, and whose Monthly Allowance amounted to St. Rs. 340, should be transferred and constitute a part of the Companies.

110. From our proceedings of the 29th May you will observe, that we gave our sanction to two Estimates laid before us by the Military Board

of the Expence of the Invalid Barrack, and two Bells of Arms at Buxar, which we had authorized on the 23d January last, amounting the former to Sicca Rupees 4,286-12-3 the latter to Sicca Rupees 137-15-9.

Cons. 29th May No. 37 to 40

111. At the suggestion of the Military Board, we authorized some alterations and repairs of the Artillery Shed and Main Guard at Dinapore limiting the Expence of the former Work to Sicca Rupees 1620-13 and that of the latter to Sicca Rupees 714-11.

Cons. 29th May No. 41 to 44

112. We also authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board, the Building of a Store Room for the use of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry at Moneah, restricting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 308-3.

Cons. 29th May No. 47 to 49

113. We have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet an Account of Stores supplied to your Ship Pitt, amounting to Sicca Rupees 198-8.

Cons. 29th May No. 54 & 55

114. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we authorized the Building of Public Necessaries in Fort William, for the use of the Bazar people and Servants, at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 1,387.

Cons. 9th June No. 19 to 21

115. We have authorized the Deputy Quarter Master General to erect Stables at Cawnpore for the Horses of the Hindoostannee Regiment of Cavalry, at an Expence of not exceeding Sa. Rs. 5,000.

Cons. 19th June No. 25

116. In consequence of the great demand for Brass Field pieces, particularly from Madras, we authorized at the suggestion of the Military Board, the Construction of a new Boring Machine, in Fort William, for boring Brass Ordnance, and a Building for covering it, limiting the Expence at Sa. Rs. 7,069-1-10. We at the same time authorized the disbursement of Sa. Rs. 1,331-13-3 for some Repairs to the Foundary[*sic*].

Cons. 26th June No. 28 to 31

117. The Military Board in laying before us the Garrison Storekeeper's Account Current for the Bandel Farm from the 1st of August 1796 to the 30th of April 1797 recommended the Continuance of the Establishment of that Farm, and that the Storekeeper should be authorized to provide such a number of Cattle and Hogs as can be fed, killed and cured properly during the ensuing Cold Season, with a limitation, that the quantity of Pork should not exceed one-third of the whole.

Cons. 26th June No. 32 & 33

118. It appeared from the Papers laid before us on this subject, that the price of 1000 Casks of 180 lbs each of the Salted Provisions provided by Contract amounted to Sa. Rs. 35,984, or 35-11-9 P Cask; and that the estimated Cost of 985 Casks of 180 lbs each, of the provisions cured at

Bandel was Sa. Rs. 35,430-6-6 or 35-15-6 P Cask, making only the inconsiderable difference of 3 Annas and 9 Pies P Cask, in favour of the provisions provided by Contract.

119. It appeared however, that the quality of the Meat cured at the Farm was invariably admitted by the different Committees of Officers that surveyed the provisions to be beyond all Comparison Superior to that procured by Contract. From this consideration, added to the great demand from the other Presidencies and Navy for Salt Provisions, we had no hesitation in adopting the recommendation of the Military Board, and accordingly authorized the continuance of the Farm.

120. The Military Board at the same time reported to us that Messrs. Barkley &ca. at Chinsurah, had offered to supply Salt Provisions, and suggested in consequence of the total want of the Salt Provisions of any kind in the Depot, as well as from the probable demands from Madras and for the Fleet, that they should be authorized to make an Agreement with Messrs. Barkley &ca. for 700 Casks of Beef and 300 Casks of Pork—We agreed to their recommendation.

Cons. 26th June No. 38 to 43

121. The Ditch which surrounded the Cantonments at Dinapore having been represented to us to be a great nuisance, and very prejudicial to the health of the Troops cantoned there, we directed it to be filled up, and proper Drains to be made, limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 7,607.

Cons. 26th June No. 48

122. We likewise authorized the repairs of the public Buildings in the Cavalry Lines at Cawnpore, at an Expence not exceeding St. Rs. 56-15-11 for Materials, and St. Rs. 84-8-9 for Workmanship, according to Estimates laid before us by the Military Board.

Cons. 26th June No. 49 to 50

123. The Military Board in submitting to us a Bill received from Lieutenant Colonel Black, Commanding your 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry, for Saddles and Bridles &ca. made up for the use of the Regiment, availed themselves of the opportunity to suggest, that we would again recommend to your Hon'ble Court to supply these Articles for the Cavalry from Europe.

124. Copies of the letters from the Military Board on the subject, and of the letter from Lieutenant Colonel Black, to which they allude, are forwarded Numbers in the Packet, and for the reasons assigned therein, we beg leave earnestly to recommend, that Saddles and Bridles be sent out according to the Indent which we formerly transmitted.

Cons. 20th June No. 51 & 52

125. We have the honour to forward to you a Number in the Packet a Copy of a letter from the Military Board, with an account of Gun Powder supplied to the Lord Macartney, amounting to Sa. Rs. 1,450-8-10 chargeable to the Owners of that Ship.

126. In consequence of the several accidents that have happened, we authorized the Raising of the Walls of the Wells in Fort William, Limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 228.

127. The Military Board having laid before us an Estimate of the Expence of Repairing some of the Public Buildings at Dinapore Amounting to Sa. Rs. 2410-13 noticing at the same time that these Buildings had recently undergone a very expensive Repair by Messrs. Lambert & Ross, we authorized the necessary Repairs; but as the Contractors were by the terms of their Contract, responsible for the goodness of the Work for 12 Months after the Completion of it, we directed Messrs Lambert & Ross to be called upon to defray the Expences attending these Repairs.

Cons. 30th June
No. 12 to 18

128. The Military Board laid before us an application from Conductor J. Harcourt, to be permitted to retire from the Service and return to Europe on the Pension recommended by them in their Resolutions recorded on our proceedings of the 5th December last, noticed to you in the 30th Paragraph of our letter of the 31st of [that] Month.

Cons. 21st July
No. 24 to 27

129. We agreed to extend the Regulations of the abovementioned date, by which Deputy Commissaries of Ordnance were permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough in case of Sickness, and to retire, on having served the prescribed Term to Conductors of Ordnance, and have accordingly granted permission to Conductor Harcourt to retire from the Service, and proceed to Europe on a Pension equivalent to St. Rs. 50 P Month, that being the full pay of his Station.

130. The Military Board having submitted to us their proceedings on Sundry papers received from Fort Marlbro', in which they recommended some additions to the Establishment of the Magazine at that Settlement, we authorized these additions, and beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court for a detail of them to our proceedings noted in the Margin.

Cons. 7th Augt.
No. 13 to 17

131. Some improvements in the Bells of Arms at the Station of Barrackpore with a view to the better preservation of the accoutrements and Musquets of the Troops, having been suggested by the Military Board, we authorized the adoption of them, the Expence not to exceed Sa. Rs. 1,218-12.

Cons. 31st July
No. 26 to 29

132. We have authorized the repairs of the Public Buildings appertaining to the Sepoy Lines at Chunar, limiting the Expence to St. Rs. 2,769-9-2.

Cons. 31st July
No. 31 & 32

133. The Military Board having stated the necessity of a Cook-Room for the Sepoy Guard Stationed at the General Hospital at the Presidency and enclosing the Arches of the Guard Room there, we authorized these Works, restricting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 335-7-2.

Cons. 7th August
No. 18 & 19

134. In conformity to your Orders of the 14th December 1791, we transmit a Number in the Packet a Return of Serviceable New, Serviceable Repaired, and repairable Arms in Store on the 30th of April 1797, in the Arsenal and Expence Magazine at this Presidency, and at all the Subordinate Stations, together with the Number in use with the different Corps.

Cons. 21st Augt. No.36

135. You will also receive a Number in the Packet a Copy of a letter from the Military Board, with their proceedings and the papers detailed in it.

Cons. 21st Augt. No. 37

136. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have authorized the enlarging the Verandah of the Guard Room for the Commander in Chief's Guard at Barrackpore, and the Construction of a small Building for lodging Grain &ca. for use of his Stock, the Expence of the former not to exceed 130 Rupees and that of the latter 316 Rupees.

Cons 21st Augt. No. 38 & 39

137. We have also authorized the Repairs of the Public Store Rooms, and the construction of Transverse Drains at Monghyr, limiting the Expence of these Works, to Sa. Rs. 685-4-2 the Amount of the Estimate.

Cons. 21st Augt. No. 42 to 45

Medical Board

138. At the recommendation of the Hospital Board we have allowed Two Additional Native Doctors for the Marine Battalion, and increased the Medicine Allowance for that Corps from 120 to 150 Rupees P Month, whilst employed on the Expedition.

Cons. 14th July No. 3 & 4

139. The Hospital Board, having acquainted us that application had been made to them to supply Medicines for some of His Majesty's Ships now fitting out here for the Expedition, and requested to be informed whether they should comply with the applications; We directed them to supply the Medicines on Indents being furnished by the proper Officers, Charging the price of the Medicines to the Account of the Crown.

Cons. 4th Augt. No. 7

Board of Superintendance

140. We transmit for your information the proceedings of the Board of Superintendance from the 1st May to the 31st of July last.

Cons. 7th Augt. No. 28

Military Auditor General

141. The Military Auditor General submitted to us a Bill for passage Money to Europe presented by Captain Lieutenant Robert Bowie, who has obtained our permission to proceed to Europe on Account of Sickness.

Cons. 3rd May No. 19

142. As Captain Bowie furnished an Affidavit, that the value of his property did not amount to the Sum allowed for a Subaltern to entitle him

to the pension, and as he will only receive the pay of a Subaltern, though holding the Rank of Captain Lieutenant, we were induced to authorize the passing of his Bill for the Sum granted to a Subaltern Officer.

143. On our proceedings of the 3d of May is Recorded a Report from the Military Auditor General on some deficiencies in the Amount of Stoppages of pay and Batta of Sick Europeans in the General Hospitals, calculated from the Reports of the Head Surgeons, and the Sums credited by the Station Paymasters on these accounts, Amounting for the Space between 1st May 1794, and the 31st October 1796, to Sa. Rs. 17,457-4-½.

Cons. 3rd May No. 45.

144. The Military Auditor General stated, that of the above deficiencies, the Sum of Rupees 14,015-5-2 appeared due from the Estate of the late Mr. Deputy Paymaster J. Smith, being the Amount of the Stoppages at Barrampore, during the above period, according to the Reports furnished by the Head Surgeon but for no part of which Mr. Smith had given Credit to the Company in his Accounts. The Military Auditor General observed at the same time that the difference between the *total* deficiencies, and the Sum omitted to be credited by Mr. Smith, had entirely originated from the frequent Removals of private Europeans from the Strength of one Company to that of Another, whilst these Men were in the Hospital.

145. He further noticed to us that the Amount of the Stoppages from the Pay of the Sick Europeans from the 1st May 1794 to the 31st October 1796, a period comprehending Thirty Months had fallen short by St. Rs. 816-2-8 of the Amount drawn in conformity to the Regulations of the 30th of June 1794, by the Members of the Hospital Board during that period, observing at the same time that it was not likely that the stoppages would hereafter prove inadequate to the discharge of the Salaries of the Hospital Board, from the Arrival of so many European Troops in Bengal.

146. He also submitted to our consideration, in consequence of the stoppages of Batta having been found unequal to the Charges of victualling the Troops in the Hospitals, whether instead of permitting the Members of the Medical Board to draw the additional salaries Monthly as at present, it would not be preferable to make them wait until the end of each Year, and that then such surplus as remained after defraying the Expence of Victualling the Sick, should be divided amongst them; according to the proportions they receive of the 20,000 Rupees P Annum.

147. With a view to enable us to determine whether the Company had received Credit for the full Amount of the Stoppages which ought to have been realized, or whether there was a deficiency to be made good by the Pay Masters, we, in the first instance called upon the Paymaster General to ascertain and report the cause of the Amount with which some of the Paymasters had debited themselves for Hospital stoppages

between the 1st of May 94 and the 31st of October 96, differing from the amount of the Stoppages reported by the Head Surgeons for the same period.

148. In order to prevent the loss and inconvenience occasioned by the removal of Sick Europeans from the Strength of one Company to that of another whilst the Men are in the Hospital, we requested the Commander in Chief to issue an Order prohibiting such Removals in future as far as may be practicable, and consistent with the good of the Service.

149. There being every reason to expect that the future stoppages of *Pay* from the Sick Europeans, owing to the great increase of European Troops, will exceed the Sum Ordered to be divided amongst the Members of the Medical Board and the Senior Surgeon in Charge of a General Hospital, by our Resolutions of the 20th April 1794; and as this excess will be applied towards making good any difference that may arise between the stoppages of Batta, and the Purveyors Bills, we determined to continue the Appropriation of the Annual Sum of 20,000 Rupees as prescribed by these Resolutions. At all events, being decidedly of opinion that the present Salaries of the Medical Officers abovementioned are not more than adequate to the duties of their Respective Stations, we have resolved, that in case of the stoppages of Batta and the excess expected to arise from those of the pay of Sick Europeans, falling short of the Amount of the Purveyor's Bills for victualling the Sick, the deficiency shall be made good by Government.

Cons. 5th May No. 16

150. The Military Auditor General having requested to be informed whether the Orders contained in the 99th paragraph of your letter of the 5th August 1796, restricting the payment of 3 Rupees a Month to such Children as are Orphans, and have been admitted into the Asylum, were to be carried into effect, and from what period; we directed that the Orders in question should be carried into effect from the date of the Minute of Council in which they were promulgated.

Cons. 15th May No. 32 to 35

151. The Deputy Governor and Managers of the Orphan Society on receipt of your Orders abovementioned, and our directions in consequence, laid before us an address on the subject, Copies of which and its enclosures we have the honor to forward a Number in the Packet.

152. Having taken into consideration, the Circumstances set forth in this address, and the consequences that must inevitably result from carrying into effect the Orders of your Hon'ble Court, directing the payment of 3 Rupees P Month to be restricted to those Children who are Orphans, and have been admitted into the Asylum, we resolved that the operation of these Orders should be suspended until your further pleasure should be known, on the Representation from the General Management, which we

beg leave earnestly to recommend to the humane consideration of your Hon'ble Court.

153. The Military Auditor General submitted to us two addresses from Colonel Mackenzie, Commanding His Majesty's 78th Regiment, station that the passage Money granted by us to the Officers of that Corps was less than the Sums established by your Hon'ble Court for the respective Ranks of Officers, and expressing his hopes that on reconsidering the Claims we would order the difference to be paid.

Cons. 12th May
No. 11 to 14

154. Colonel Mc.Kenzie also preferred a Claim on the part of the privates of the 78th Regiment, for ½ penny a day to each Man in lieu of poundage; also a claim in behalf of the Subaltern Officers of the Corps to the Additional allowance of One Rupee a day.

155. The Claim for passage Money was grounded on the Regulation of your Hon'ble Court, dated the 27th July 1796, respecting the Sums to be paid by passengers to and from India on Ships in your Service.

156. We did not consider these Regulations applicable to the Case, nor intended to supersede your former Orders, specifying the Sums to be paid for the different Ranks of Officers proceeding to or from India, with their Corps, at your Expence, and therefore did not deem it proper to comply with the Application.

157. With regard to the Allowance of One half penny per day, in lieu of poundage, to the 78th Regiment, understanding that this Allowance was authorized by His Majesty, the Military Auditor General observed, it would be necessary to substitute a New Table of difference between the King's and Company's pay of *Infantry* Regiments belonging to the Crown, in lieu of that now in use, not only for the purpose of adding the half Penny P day to the *King's Subsistence* and deducting it from the *Company's allowances,* but also for converting the King's pay at the Rate of 2s-6d the Sonaut Rupee, according to the principle laid down by your Hon'ble Court for converting Rupees into Pagodas, at the Exchange of 8 Shillings P Pagoda.

158. Being attended with no additional Expence, we had no hesitation in adopting the proposition of the Military Auditor General, and accordingly directed the Table of differences of pay required to make the British pay of Infantry Regiments equal to the corresponding Ranks in the Company's Service, calculated at the Exchange of 2s-6d the Sonaut Rupee to be notified in public Orders, but exclusive of the ½ penny a day, in lieu of poundage to privates, as no Official Information of this allowance had been received by the Commander in Chief.

159. With regard to that part of Colonel Mackenzie's address, claiming in behalf of the Subaltern Officers of the 78th Regiment, the additional Allowance of One Rupee a day which had been discontinued in consequence

of the Orders of your Hon'ble Court; We Resolved, that these Orders should be applied to the Subalterns of His Majesty's Regiments, in the same manner and from the same period, as they were extended to Subalterns in your Service.

160. The Military Auditor General submitted to us a question whether Colonel Mc.Gowan, who had been promoted to the Rank of full Colonel and the Command of a Regiment from the 27th July 96, in the Room of Colonel Eyres, permitted to retire from your Service, was to receive the Table Money, Tentage &ca. from the period of his promotion as Commandant of a Regiment; also, whether in consequence of Colonel Mc.Gowan's promotion, Major Lloyd, the Officer next to him in the Command of the 1st Battalion 12th Regiment, was to have the Batta of Lieutenant Colonel from the same period, agreeable to the Regulations of the 12th August 1796, which allow to the Officer in Command of a Battalion, the Batta of the Rank Superior to his Regimental Rank.

Cons. 12th May
No. 15

161. No case exactly similar to Colonel Mc.Gowan's could arise under the old Army Regulations, as all Officers who proceeded to Europe were obliged previously to resign the Service, and the vacancies occasioned by their departure were immediately filled upon the Spot. It was the established practice however, whenever casualties occurred in India, to fill up the Vacancy, and give the new Rank and Allowances to the person succeeding to it, without regard to the period which elapsed between the occurrence of the casualty and the receipt of the intelligence of it at the Presidency to which the Corps might be attached. This period was often considerable, as in the cases of Bengal Troops serving on the Coast, or at any of the Subordinate Settlements. Independent therefore of the analogy in the Cases, considering the principle taken as a general Rule, as equitable, and adverting also to the embarrassments and often hardship, that would arise from excepting casualties in Europe in the Application of it, we determined to admit Colonel Mc.Gowan's Claims to the Allowances of Colonel, from the date of Colonel Eyres's Resignation.

162. With regard to the question respectnig Major Lloyd, of [if] Colonel Mc.Gowan's promotion had taken place and been actually known, *on the 27th July,* the Major would not have been entitled to the Superior Batta of Lieutenant Colonel, even if he had at that time been Major of the Battalion, because either the Lieutenant Colonel promoted in the Room of Colonel Mc.Gowan or another Officer of that Rank must have been posted to it, which would necessarily have precluded Major Llyod from any claim to the Batta of Lieutenant Colonel. We therefore determined that Major Lloyd had no right to the Superior Batta from the 27th of July, but agreed to allow it to him, whilst in the actual Command of the Battalion, during the absence of Colonel Mc.Gowan when ordered to the Field.

163. On our proceedings of the 15th May is recorded a Report of the Military Auditor General on an application from Colonel Mackenzie of His Majesty's 78th Regiment for the issue from your Treasury of St. Rs. 19,040-9-7 being the Amount stopped by his Orders from the Men of his Regiment on account of Sea Provisions during the Voyage from England to India at the rate of 3d P Day for each Man, and for the Reimbursement of Money paid by him for various Articles of Refreshments for the Sick of his Regiment, during the Voyage, amounting to £ 113-16.

Cons. 15th May No. 7 to 18

164. Similar applications were at the same time made to us by Colonel Wesley in Command of the 33d Regiment, accompanied by a Bill for Refreshments to the Sick of that Corps, amounting to £ 150-15-1½.

165. With regard to the application for the issue of a Sum equal to the Amount stopped from the Men of these Regiments on Account of Sea Provisions, We resolved not to comply therewith, as the *full Subsistence* to the Men of these Corps has been paid by us from the periods to which they received their pay from the British Government; but as it is the usage of your Hon'ble Court to defray all the Expences of conveying Troops to India, and which we conclude to have been your intention in the Case of the 33d and 78th Regiments, we agreed to authorize Colonels Mc.Kenzie and Wesley to order the stoppages made by their orders on the above accounts to be refunded.

166. We also agreed, in consideration of the necessity of the Articles of Refreshments for the preservation of the health of the Men, to reimburse the Colonels for the Amount of their Expences on these Accounts.

167. That your Hon'ble Court may be fully informed of the particulars of the abovementioned claims, either for the Adjustment of Accounts with the Owners of the Ships that brought out the Regiments, or the Regimental Agents, we transmit a Number in the Packet, Copies of all the papers on the subject.

168. Colonel Mc. Kenzie subsequently submitted to us another Bill of a Similar Nature, on Account of Refreshments distributed to the Detachment of his Regiment on Board of the Union, which Ship did not arrive till some time after the other Ships that brought out the Regiments. This Bill, Amounting to £ 28-13 we also directed to be paid.

Cons. 29th May No. 5 & 6

169. The Military Auditor General laid before us a claim preferred by Colonel Wesley for the Table Allowance of 1,000 Rupees a Month, granted to Colonels of Regiments, and Battalions of Artillery, by our Resolution of the 30th of May 1796.

Cons. 15th May No. 24 to 26

170. Colonel Wesley grounded his Claim on the 5th Paragraph of your letter dated 27th July 96, and the Resolutions of this Government on the

12th August 93, which direct "that Colonels of His Majesty's Service, altho' not Colonels of Regiments shall be on a footing with Officers of the same Rank in the Service of the Hon'ble Company, in all future distributions of Gratuity to the Field Officers serving on this Establishment."

171. As the 5th Paragraph of your letter above quoted, directs that the Emoluments annexed to the Command of Regiments, but not the pay of the advanced Rank, shall be received by the Officers next in Succession; and as General Harris, under the foregoing Resolution, though only Lieutenant Colonel of the 76th Regiment, received the former Allowance of 1200 Rupees granted for defraying the Expences of a Table, we on the first View of Colonel Wesley's Claim, deemed it well founded and accordingly agreed that he should receive the Table Allowance of 1,000 Rupees a Month, as being a Colonel in the Army, and in the actual Command of the 33d Regiment.

Cons. 12th June

172. On a reconsideration however, of this Resolution, which was founded Chiefly on the terms of your Orders in the 5th Paragraph of your letter abovementioned, it appeared to us that altho' Table Allowance might be said to constitute part of the Emoluments annexed to the Officers in Command of Regiments, yet as our original Resolutions of the 30th of May 1796, granting this Allowance to Colonels of Regiments and Battalions of Artillery, had not reached your Honyble Court on the Date of these Orders, you consequently could not have been apprized when you passed these Orders, that such an Allowance had been granted by us.

173. With regard to the Similarity of the Situation of Colonel Wesley to that of General Harris, both being Lieutenant Colonels of Regiments, and in Command of the Corps to which they were respectively attached, although it would undoubtedly have entitled Colonel Wesley to the Allowances of Colonel under the old Regulations, it did not appear to us to give him any Claim to those Allowances under the New Arrangements which superseded the former Orders under which General Harris received them; and as the admission of the Claim of Colonel Wesley, would have given rise to similar Claims from the Lieutenant Colonels in your Service, when promoted by Brevet to the Rank of Colonel and in the immediate Command of Regiments, in the Absence of the Colonel we thought proper to rescind our Resolution which gave Table allowance to Colonel Wesley, and resolved, that this Allowance should be confined to, "*Colonels of Regiments,* whether King's or Company's, *and of Battalions of Artillery,* when doing duty *as such* with their Regiments or Battalions."

Cons. 8th May
No. 18

174. The Military Auditor General having furnished us with a List of Bills passed in his Office for the Diet &ca. of His Majesty's Regiments and English and German Recruits, lately Arrived in Bengal, we transmit Copies thereof a Number in the Packet, for the Information of your Hon'ble Court.

175. Captain Orrack having submitted to us a Bill for Slops stated to have been served out to German Recruits on Board the Phoenix, Amounting to £. Stg 31-15-6 we beg leave to transmit the same to your Hon'ble Court, accompanied by a Copy of the Military Auditor General's Report on it for your determination.

Cons. 29th May
No. 25

176. We transmit a Number in the Packet a Copy of a letter from the Military Auditor General with the Report of Audits of the Military Accounts mentioned therein, and have only to observe that the Reasons assigned by the Military Auditor General for the difference of time in Auditing these Accounts, and those last reported on by his predecessor appear to us Satisfactory.

Cons. 7th Augt.
No. 9

Military Paymaster General

177. The Military Paymaster General having informed us that from representation made to him by Mr. Edmiston who took charge of the Office of Deputy Paymaster held by the late Mr. Smith upon the Death of the latter, it appeared that the Sum of Sa. Rs. 28,506-10-3 including the deficiency on account of stoppages mentioned in the 144th Paragraph of this Letter was due to the Hon'ble Company from Mr. Smith's State, according to a Statement furnished by Mr. Paymaster Edmiston—We took immediate measures for the Recovery of the above Sum by furnishing your Attorney with the necessary information and ordering a Suit to be Commenced against the Securities of Mr. Smith Vizt. Major W. Rattray and Major A. Carnegie of this Establishment, and we trust that the full Amount that may ultimately appear due will be recovered either from the Estate or the Securities.

Cons. 9th Augt.
No. 10 to 12

178. The Military Paymaster General having solicited permission to incur a Monthly extra Charge not exceeding 300 Rupees for Extra European Assistants, until some Covenanted Servants could be appointed to his Office on the ground of the great increase of business, we did not think proper to authorize any fixed permanent extra Charge for Writers in his Office, but desired him, in case any press of business should render extra Assistants indispensibly necessary, to employ extra writers during the existence of the emergency, and Charge the expence in a contingent bill.

Cons. 12th June
No. 17

179. We at the same time authorized the Paymaster General to incur an expence not exceeding 700 Rupees for Sundry new paper presses which he informed us were necessary for depositing the Records of his Office.

180. We transmit a Number in the Packet Original Certificates of pay &ca. of Officers gone to Europe, together with a copy of the Military Paymaster General's Letter which accompanied them.

Cons. 21st July
No. 17

181. The Military Paymaster General submitted to us an application from the Paymaster of the Company's Allowances to the King's Troops soliciting

Cons. 21st Augt.

such encrease of Salary as we might deem proper on Account of the great addition to the duties of that Office by the late very considerable Reinforcements of King's Regiments for the Services of this Presidency.

Cons. 28th Augt. No. 11 to 13

182. Prior to October 1792 the duties of this Office were performed by the Military Paymaster General who received for executing them a monthly Salary of 500 Rs. and 250 Rs. as an Establishment of Office but by our Resolutions of the 22nd October 1792 this duty was transferred to his Deputy with the same Office Establishment and a reduced a [*sic*] Salary of 300 Rs. until the return of 73rd Regiment which had then quitted this Presidency but did not return.

183. In consideration of the Great increase of King's Troops on this Establishment, and the consequent additional duties to the Paymaster of the Company's Allowances, we deemed it equitable, and consistent with the principles of the abovementioned to allow him an Augmentation of 300 Rupees P Month to his former Salary, from the 1st September next.

Miscellanea

Cons. 5th May No. 7

184. Not deeming it proper to entertain a greater Number of Foreigners in your Service than those already enlisted, we recalled Captain Owen from the recruiting Service at the Cape of Good Hope.

Cons. 5th May No. 39 & 40

185. Brevet Captain D'Esterre who obtained our permission on the 9th January last, to proceed to Europe on Furlough on Account of his *Private Affairs,* forwarded to us from Madras an application requesting that we would alter the Terms of his leave of Absence, and permit him to proceed to Europe for the *Recovery of his health,* Referring us at the Same time to an Affidavit which he had made respecting the Amount of his property, with a view to obtain the passage Money of his Rank.

186. Captain D'Esterre forwarded 3 Certificates of Sickness from Medical Gentlemen, but as they were not Certified by a Member of the Hospital Board, according to your Orders, and as Captain D'Esterre stated as his only reason for not having made his first application on account of his bad health, that he left Calcutta in such haste that he could not transmit to us the prescribed Medical Certificates, we did not think proper to comply with his request.

187. We have permitted Major General Morgan to draw his Field Allowance, also 2,000 Rs. a Month in Conformity to the new Regulations for your Army,. from the Date of General Abercromby's Orders delivering over to him the Command of the Forces Serving under this Presidency until the appointment of General Clarke as Commander in Chief, was issued in Orders to the Army, which necessarily Superseded Major General Morgan's authority.

188. From the Report of the Company's Attorney respecting the prosecution which we had Ordered to be commenced against the Securities of the late Mr. Freeman, under his Cloathing Contract and noticed in the 121 Paragraph of your letter of the 5th August last, you will observe that the adjustment of the accounts by the Off-reckoning Committee, and the subsequent payment in the manner authorized and provided for by the Contract, to the Paymaster General of the balance found due upon such Settlement appeared to the Advocate General to be a complete bar to any action that could be brought against the Securities for a breach of Contract; and the whole of the cloathing having been furnished (altho' a small portion of it was delivered after the stipulated period) and subsequently passed by a Committee of Officers, and as no loss could arise to Government, we thought proper to rescind our Orders for prosecuting the Securities, and trust the measure, will receive your approbation.

Cons. 2nd June No. 30

189. We transmit a Number in the Packet Copy of a letter Addressed to the Commander in Chief by the General and Field Officers at the Station of Futty Ghur, with a Copy of the letter alluded to by them from Mrs. Hodgson, Widow of the late Major Francis Hodgson of your Bengal Military Establishment, Soliciting that her two sons, Francis and William, the former 10 Years and the latter 6 Years of Age may be appointed Cadets when they shall have attained the Age prescribed by the Act of Parliament. In consideration of the circumstances stated in the address, we beg leave to recommend the application to the favourable consideration of your Hon'ble Court.

Cons. 5th June No. 6 & 7

190. Mr. William Mallet who has lately returned to India with your permission having stated that he had bestowed much of his time and attention in England to the Study of Husbandry, in all its branches, and that he had been induced to bring out to this Country at his own Risk and expence, an extensive Assortment of the most improved implements of Husbandry, Seeds &ca, particularly the Artificial Grasses, in the hopes that any attempts to improve the Agriculture of the Country would meet with the encouragement of this Government, and having made an Offer to Government of the Articles brought out by him and of his Services in the prosecution of any plan that we might deem likely to prove beneficial to the Country, we resolved to avail ourselves of Mr. Malet's Services to endeavour to introduce the Cultivation of Oats, the Artificial grasses, and the Several kinds of pulse, on the land of Tirhoot appropriated to the Company's Stud, for which the produce would be of great Utility.

Cons. 9th June No. 35

191. We considered this plan preferable to purchasing the Implements and Seeds, as Government would have the benefit of Mr. Mallet's experience and personal Services in introducing the proposed Improvements with a more certain prospects of Success.

192. As a consideration for the Seed, and the use of the Implements and Mr. Mallet's personal Services, we agreed to allow him 250 Sa. Rs. Pr. Month, from the 1st June last to continue until the close of the Harvest in the Behar Province, which ends in the Month of March; together with the Sum of 500 Rupees for defraying the expences of Mr. Mallet's journey and 400 Rupees for the Charges of Packing, loading and unloading and transporting the Seed and implements of Husbandry.

Cons. 26th June Nos. 65 & 66

193. Mr. Mallet is considered merely in the Situation of an Agent or Overseer on the part of Government, and the produce of the Farm will be appropriable to the public use without his being entitled to any further Consideration should the result of the experiment prove favourable, measures may be adopted in the ensuing Year to enable Mr. Mallet to persue the important object which he has in View on a more extensive Scale.

194. For Mr. Mallet's address to us, the Governor General's Minute on the Subject, and our Resolutions on his propositions, we beg leave to refer you to our proceedings noted in the Margin[a]

195. We beg leave to point out to your Notice, Copies of, Sundry letters which form a Number in the Packet, addressed to us by the Surgeons of the Ships mentioned in Maigin claiming the Charge of the Stocks His Majesty's 33d Regiment proceeding on the Expedition now fitting out, and the allowance for Medicine and Attendance fixed by the Minutes of Council of the 16th July, 1687.

Cons. 19th June No. 13 [b]
Do. 3rd July „ 15
Do. 10th July „ 66
W. Borlase—Lord Camden
J. Craig— Genl. Goddard
M. Leroux — Sir Stephn Lushington
F. Kearna-Lord Macartney

196. In consequence of the very disrespectful terms of these letters, we had Resolved to Suspend them your Service, but had subsequently relinquished that intention, and it was our determination, as will appear from our Resolutions of the 19th June and 3d July to require the Regimental Surgeon to whom we had judged it for the good of the Service to commit the exclusive Charge of the Sick of the Regiment and the provision of Medicines, to make a suitable Compensation to the Surgeons of the Ships on which neither he nor his Mates might embark, for their attendance on the Sick.

197. In the mean time we received another letter from the Surgeons of the abovementioned Ships, written in the same very reprehensible Style, desiring to Resign their Appointments. This letter was received when the Ships were on the point of taking their Departure on the Service, in question, and was no doubt intended and expected to reduce Government to the necessity of giving them the Charge of the Sick, and of course the Medical Allowance, in the Supposition that other Surgeons could not be procured for the Ships previous to their Sailing.

198. Deeming it highly necessary that Conduct of this nature so distinctive of all [in?] Subordination, and intended to impede the public Service on

[a] Margin is blank. [b] This reference is incorrect.

an occasion of public emergency, should meet with the merited punishment, we determined to accept their Resignations, and have ordered the Surgeons who have Resigned to proceed to Europe by the first opportunity, and we beg leave to recommend as an example to deter others from the Adoption of a Similar line of Conduct that you will confirm the acceptance of their Resignations and dismiss them from Your employ.

199. To supply the places of these Surgeons, we accepted of the Services of Mr. Gordon Surgeon of the Walter Boyd with the concurrence of the Commander of that Ship.

Cons. 28th July

200. We also thought proper, in consideration of the emergency of the case, to order Mr. Bowden Surgeon of Your Extra Ship Lion, who offered his Services but could not obtain the Sanction of the Commander, to proceed on the Expedition and do duty on Board the Lord Macartney.

Cons. 31st July No. 39

201. We have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet, an Alphabetical Long Roll of the Non Commissioned Officers and Privates of Your Army on this Establishment, for the Year 1796, Received from the Town Major.

Cons. 3rd July

202. We also transmit a Number in the Packet for the information of Your Hon'ble Court a List of the Children of the Non Commissioned and Private Europeans of the Bengal Army for whom the general Management have received the Hon'ble Company's Allowance for the Year 1796, distinguishing those Children who are Orphans from those whose parents are living, and specifying their names and Ages, the Rank of their respective parents, and the Corps to which they are now or were attached, together with remarks in which the Casualties of the Year are noted.

Cons. 14th Augt.

203. Brevet Major John Haynes having informed us that the Commission which he received from the War Office as Brevet Major had, by exposure to damp, been nearly destroyed and requested that we would procure him another; We beg leave to request that Your Hon'ble Court will give directions for an application being made to the War Office for a new Commission for Brevet Major Haynes, and that it may be sent out by the first opportunity.

Cons. 28th Augt. No. 15 to 18

204. The attornies of Mrs. E. C. Green Widow of the late Lieutenant Patrick Green of this Establishment have on her behalf represented to us that she experienced great difficulty in receiving her Pension from England, and that she was desirous of having the amount paid in future to her at this Presidency; we have in consequence agreed to permit Mrs. Green to draw her Pension from the Twenty Second day of February 1797 last, that being that date, as stated by her Attornies, of the last Certificate transmitted by her to England on Account of her Pension.

205. Your Attorney has reported the full recovery of Sa. Rs. 6,400 from the Security of the late Mr. Pierce under the former Contract for Elephants, due on account of a deficiency in the Number of Cattle delivered over to the new Contractor.

Cons. 28th Augt.
No. 21 to 23

206. We ordered ten Invalids of the King's Regiments, who are under orders to proceed to Europe in Charge of Lieutenant R. Townshend of the 27th Light Dragoons, to be accommodated with a Charter Party passage on board the Zephyr.

Cons. 28th Augt.
No. 28

207. John Williams late a private Prisoner on the Madras Establishment, having represented to us the bad State of his health since he has been in Bengal and begged that we would grant him a Charter party passage to Europe, and as he produced his discharge and a Certificate of his having served faithfully in Your Army on the Coast for a considerable Number of Years, we determined to comply with his request and have accordingly ordered him a passage on board Your Extra Ship Zephyr.

Cons. 11th Augt.
No. 52

208. At the request of Mr. A. Munro formerly a Lieutenant in Your Army on this Establishment we transmit a Number in the Packet Copies of an address and enclosure from him soliciting to be restored to his former Rank in the Service.

Cons. 28th Augt.

209. Though we have considered ourselves precluded by your Orders of the 8th of July 1795, from recommending the restoration of Officers of this description, yet as Mr. Munro has stated that he does not consider these Orders as applicable to him, from his resignation having been admitted previous to their arrival, and as on reference to the terms of the Orders, they certainly admit of this construction we have in consideration of these circumstances, as well as the testimony of General Stuart to Mr. Munro's merits as an Officer, determined to submit his application to your Hon'ble Court.

210. We have only to observe, that should it not have been your intention to bar the readmission of Officers who had resigned and remained in India previous to the promulgation of them, and who were not ineligible from the length of time they had been out of the Service, or otherwise objectionable, we do not know of any Officers who will be entitled to readmission under this construction of your Orders, excepting Mr. T. Leigh whose case was noticed in the 36th paragraph of our letter dated the 31st August 1796 and the Gentlemen [*sic*] whose application is now submitted to you.

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
the 28th August 1797.

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LETTER DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1797

Mc.Naughton claims Deputy Paymastership of King's troops in Bengal—saddles made in India unfit for service.

Military Department

TO The Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. We think it proper to point out to your Hon'ble Court, a claim of Mr. Mc.Naughton to the Deputy Paymastership of the King's Troops in Bengal, founded on an authority given by Mr. Burke, Paymaster General, to his Attornies to appoint a Deputy in the event of the Non Arrival of the Deputy nominated by himself.

2. In the first instance we thought it necessary to refer the claim and the grounds upon which it was preferred to the Advocate General, whose Opinion in favor of it, taking for granted the Facts and the Premises as stated to him, is recorded on our Proceedings of the 31st of July last.

3. Well still however deemed it proper to demur, and at Mr. Mc.Naughton's desire, we refer the subject to your Hon'ble Court, for whose Information it remains for us to state the grounds of our demur.

4. We are apprized that at the other Presidencies in the event of the Death, Resignation or Absence of a Deputy Paymaster of His Majesty's Troops, the right of nominating a successor is understood to reside in the Commander in Chief of India subject to the confirmation of the Pay Office at home. We are further apprized that such Right has been exercised and if the Practice be correct it goes to exclude the Right of Mr. Burke as Paymaster General to nominate his Deputies, at least at those Presidencies where he is now resident.

5. But admitting his Right, the admission does not apply to the present Case and it remains still to be proved, that he is entitled to exercise such a Right by Delegation as in the present Case, that is by an Instrument empowering others to appoint for him.

6. In Bengal the duty of Paymaster to His Majesty's Troops has been exercised by one of your Civil Servants who is Paymaster to the Company's Troops, and the advantage of this mode in point of efficient controul, Regularity and Convenience has been found so great, that we can have no inducement to alter it, and as we were by no means convinced that we were under the necessity of admitting the Claims of Mr. Mc.Naughton, we have of course declined the admission of them.

7. These reasons have no reference to Mr. Mc.Naughton's Personal Character, and in justice to that Gentleman we shall observe that no objection whatever would have been made to his Claim on this ground, if we had deemed it admissable [*sic*] on other Principles.

8. We enclose Copies of Mr. Mc.Naughton's two last letters to us on the Subject and beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court for the other papers and the Advocate General's Opinion to our Proceedings above noticed.

Consn. 11th Septr.
18th Do.

9. Since closing our letter of the 28th Ultimo, we have Received from the Military Board an Indent No. 624, for Ordnance and Military Stores required for the service of this Presidency, which we have the honor to forward a Number in the Packet. We beg leave to notice to you the very great deficiency in the Arsenal of many of the most material Articles, particularly in that of Musketry of all kinds, which is such as to require your immediate and most serious attention.

Consn. 18th Sept.

10. At the request of the Military Board, we also beg leave to repeat our recommendation that Europe Saddles may be sent out for the Cavalry as the best which can be made in this Country, are found to be altogether unfit for the Service.

We have the honour to be &ca.

Fort William,
the 18th of September 1797.

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LETTER DATED 30 OCTOBER 1797

Commission to Garrison Storekeeper explained—assistance to artillery corps at Madras—construction of cantonments at Moneah suspended—native infantry to be strengthened—box replaces barrel for carrying gun-powder—old and new military works—seniority problems of certain officers.

Military Department

TO The Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

We had the honor to address your Hon'ble Court on the 28th of August and 18th September last by the Zephyr Packet. Copies of these letters, with our Proceedings to the 30th October, are now forwarded to you by the Rose.

2. Since the date of our last letter we have received your letters of the 20th of January 1st & 22d of March last, with the several papers detailed in the lists of the Packets. Previous to replying to the several paragraphs in these letters we shall state to you our reasons for continuing the Commission of 10 per cent to the Garrison Store Keeper, noticed in the latter part of the 20th Paragraph of your letter of the 5th of August 1796.

3. The Commission of 10 per Cent was founded upon the orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in the 86th Paragraph of your letter of the 31st of July 1787, which from that period have been considered as final. That this was understood to be the Case at the time, is evident from the circumstance of no revision of that rate having been made in consequence of the previous directions on this Subject conveyed in your letter of the 27th March 1787, to which you have now referred us, but without noticing your subsequent orders in July of the same Year. We at the same time beg leave to add that the allowance is not in our judgement contrary to the terms of your Orders of March 1787, which directed a reduction of the established Allowance of 8 per cent to 5, as the last mentioned Allowance was thereby granted both upon purchases and Sales; (making in the aggregate 10 p Cent). This is evident from the concluding terms of the paragraph which direct an Account of the purchases and sales to be sent home in order to enable you to judge of the reasonableness of the Commission drawn by the Agent.

Consn. 16th. Octr. Nos. 23 & 24

4. The Garrison Store Keeper now draws a Commission of 10 per Cent on the purchases only, and this is the general rate on all Military Disbursements where the Agents or Superintendents are authorized to draw Commission, and we are of opinion that altho' the Allowance may eventually be considerable, yet upon the whole it is no more than an adequate compensation for the Service if fairly and honorably executed, which we have the satisfaction to remark has been the case.

5. We trust that these explanations will satisfy your Hon'ble Court that your orders on the Subject had not escaped our attention, and that our construction of them will receive your Sanction.

Answer to the letter of the 20th January 1797

Para 1st. Date of the last letter.

2nd. Acknowledging the receipt of the letters from Bengal of the 1st March 30th of April and 30th June 1796.

6th. Require no reply.

3d. Informing that King's Brevet Commissions had been sent

7th. We published your Orders contained in this Para: to the

out by the Pitt, and detailing the rates of Fees paid for them in England, &ca.

Army, and directed the Military Paymaster General to distribute the Commission and Collect the Fees upon them at the Exchange of 2/6d the St. Rupee.

4th. Respecting the Exportation of Sundry Garrison Ordnance and Naval Stores to India and directing the return of Certificates for those landed &ca.

8th. The Military Board have been furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph and we shall pay strict attention to the orders contained in it.

5th. Directing in consequence of a request from the Masters General and Board of Ordnance, to supply His Majesty's Ships with such Ordnance Stores as may be required by the Admiral or Commander in Chief of the Fleet, &ca.

9. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Board.

7th. 8th. 9th & 10th. Informing that Mr. M. Magrath Assistant Surgeon had been permitted to return to his duty—that 33 Cadets and 25 Assistant Surgeons would be appointed for Bengal and forwarding several King's Brevet Commissions.

10th. These Paragraphs have been published in Orders.

11th. 12th. & 13th. Respecting Major D. Woodburn, and desiring that a Certificate of his Length of Service might be transmitted by the first opportunity

11th. The Adjutant General was immediately called upon to furnish the Certificate required by this paragraph, an authenticated copy of which we directed to be forwarded under cover to your Secretary by the Zephyr. We have since received a letter from the Adjutant General with a corrected Certificate of Major Woodburn's Length of Service, Copies of which form a Number in the Packet.

Cons. 16th Octr. Nos. 14 & 15

Answer to the Letter dated the 1st of March 1797

Para 1st. Noticing the date of the last letter.

12th. Requires no reply.

2nd. 3d. & 4th. Respecting the Office of Military Auditor General and the eventual succession of Captain G. A. Robinson to that appointment.

13th. Your Hon'ble Court have already been informed of Mr. Scawen's Appointment to succeed Sir J. Murray agreeably to your former orders; and of the departure

of Captain Robinson for Europe. Our further Sentiments on the orders contained in these Paragraphs will be hereafter communicated to you.

5th. Informing that 1000 £ had been given to the Managers of the Orphan Management in England —and desiring that the Amount may be paid into the Treasury here.

14th. We have sent a Copy of this paragraph to the General Management and the bill of Exchange to the Sub-Treasurer with directions to receive the Amount at the Exchange of 2/6d the Sonaut Rupee.

6th. Informing of the appointment of Messrs Brown, Cook, Robertson, Wyatt and Dinmore to be Assistant Surgeons.

15th. This paragraph has been published in Orders.

7th. Mentioning the death of Colonel Sir A. Mackenzie and Lieutenant E. Mc.Cullock

16th. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Adjutant General.

8. Informing that Mr. J. Lynd Surgeon had been permitted to retire agreeably to the Regulations.

17th. This Paragraph has been published in orders.

9th. Stating that on the representation of Lieutenant J. O. Rock 85 £ had been advanced to him to be deducted from the Sum that he would have been entitled to for passage Money under the Regulations previous to the new Arrangement.

18. The Military Auditor General has been furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph.

The letter of the 22nd March announcing the Appt. of the Marquis Cornwallis to be Commander in Chief, requires no reply.

Fort Saint George

19th. The Government of Fort St. George requested that we would raise a body of 600 Lascars in Bengal for the Service of that Presidency.

Consn. 18th Sept. No. 1

20th. This Application having been made in consequence of the expected Absence of the large Detachment from their Artillery Corps destined for the expedition against the Philippines, it appeared to us that the subsequent Relinquishment of the expedition would render it unnecessary to raise the whole number of Lascars desired. We accordingly gave orders for raising 300 only with their proportion of Native Officers,

until we should receive further advices from the Government of Fort St. George on the Subject.

21. At the request of the Government of Fort St. George we have directed the Military Board to send round to that Presidency by the first opportunity four Metallic Cylinders and Beds for the use of the Powder Works, and also one of the improved Pilon Mills or a model of that mill.

Consn. 27th Octr. No. 1 o 5

22. Agreeably to the intimation in the 19th paragraph of our letter of the 28th of August last, we have now the honor to acquaint you that we have agreed with Messrs Lambert, Ross and Co. for supplying the Presidency of Fort St. George with 75,000 Gallons of Rum, and with Messrs. Campbell & Clark for 35,000 Gallons, at the rate of one Sicca Rupee and four Annas per Gallon, including Casks, &ca., and to be landed on the Beach at Madras.

Consn. 27th Octr. Nos. 28 to 32

Military Arrangements

23. The Commander in Chief in a Minute recorded on our Proceedings noted in the Margin observed that owing to doubts regarding the fitness of the spot of Ground selected at Moniah for Cavalry Cantonments, the intended buildings were suspended and that from the want of Ground for Cavalry exercise, the 27th Regiment of Dragoons quartered at Dinapore was unable to make any progress in their discipline. For this reason, as well as to strengthen our Force in the Vizier's Provinces he recommended that the 27th Dragoons should proceed to Cawnpore, which we ordered accordingly.

Consn. 29th Sep. No. 1

24. We have authorized temporary buildings to be erected for this Regiment at Cawnpore and at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief have ordered that lines for a regular Cantonment for an European Regiment of Dragoons shall be traced out at that Station. The Military Board have been desired to furnish Statements of the Buildings required for the Regiment, which will consist of Barracks for the Men and Stables for the Horses. The expence of these Works will be hereafter communicated to you.

25. The Commander in Chief considering that the intention of building permanent Cantonments for a large Body of Cavalry tho' suspended on Account of local objections to Moniah, was not relinquished, laid before us a description of the ground that would be requisite, prepared by the Quarter Master General, observing that the position of the Cantonment might with due attention to Military Operations and to economical considerations, be within the two points of Chunar and Mongheir and on either side of the River.

Consn. 23d Octr. No. 1 & 2

26th. We have in consequence furnished the Collectors of the Districts between these Places with a description of the Ground required,

with directions to order enquiries to be made for a spot that will answer the purpose.

27th. The Commander in Chief laid before us a Minute on the subject of drafting and sending to Europe His Majesty's Regiments noted in the Margin, in conformity to the orders of His Majesty conveyed in a letter from His Royal Highness the Duke of York, a Copy of which is recorded in our Secret Proceedings of the 4th of August.

Consn. 29th Septr. Nos. 2 to 5
36th, 71st, 52d. 72d Regiments

28. The whole of these Regiments are serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George, and we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin* for the mode recommended by us for carrying into effect the orders of His Majesty. We shall only observe here that by the returns laid before us by the Commander in Chief the diminution of our effective Strength by drafting the Regiments will be only five hundred and eighty two, of which, one hundred and thirty four are Commissioned Officers, one hundred and eight Drummers, and two hundred Rank and File, making the real reduction of our efficient strength for the Field, about two hundred Soldiers only.

29. In conformity to our Resolutions in the Secret Department of the 9th October, we have issued orders for adding 100 privates to each of the Regular Native Battalions now serving under this Presidency which will give an addition of 2000 Men.

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30. In consequence of our Resolutions of the 30th October in the Secret Department, we published orders for raising three Regiments of Native Infantry according to the present Establishment, to be numbered 13th, 14th & 15th, and requested the Commander in Chief would give the necessary directions for that purpose; and also for completing the Companies of Artillery, in the Field and at Chunar by drafts from the 1st European Regiment, and the Companies of Artillery at the Presidency by drafts from the 2d and 3d European Regiments.

31. We have since requested the Commander in Chief to suspend issuing his Orders for raising the 15th Regiment.

32. We received a letter from Mr. Francis Walter informing us that from the Accounts he had received from his relations in England, he had every reason to suppose that he was the person alluded to in the 17th paragraph of your letter of the 27th July 1796, which states that you "have appointed Mr. Francis *Walters,* now abroad, a Cadet on your Establishment". As we had no reason to doubt that Mr. Walter was the person referred to in the above paragraph, notwithstanding the trifling Inaccuracy in spelling his Surname, we directed the Adjutant General to call upon him for the Certificate and Information required by your Orders. These having

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*Margin is blank.

been subsequently furnished, Mr. Walter has been admitted a Cadet on this Establishment.

Appointments, Resignations & Furloughs

33. We have accepted of Mr. H. Cornish's resignation of the Appointment of Agent for Cloathing the Sebundy Corps, and appointed Mr. Charles Cornish to succeed him.

Consn. 4th Septr.

34. The Resident at Lucknow transmitted to us Copies of a Correspondence between him and Mr. Robert Grant Field Paymaster relative to the Pay for the Troops at Futty Ghur in which the Conduct of Mr. Grant appeared to us in so very culpable a light, that we thought proper to dismiss him from his Office of Paymaster in the Field.

Consn. 8th Septr.
Nos. 11 to 36

35. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin* for the particulars of the abovementioned Correspondence, and a Minute by the Governor General on the Subject, with our Resolutions upon the whole of the transactions as stated in the Correspendence.

36. We instructed the Resident to depute one of his Assistants to pay the Troops at Futty Ghur until the arrival of Mr. James Edmiston who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Grant as Field Paymaster.

37. We have appointed Mr. Simon Ewart Deputy Military Paymaster General and Paymaster of Extraordinaries in the room of Mr. James Edmiston.

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38. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we have appointed Brevet Captain W. C. Maxwell Major of Brigade in the room of Captain W. Preston deceased.

Consn. 20th Octr.
No. 9

39. We have permitted Ensign William Wade to resign your Service.

Consn. 20th Octr.
No. 18

40. Brevet Captain Roderick Fraser has had permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Consn. 27th Octr.
Nos. 7 & 8

41. We transmit a Separate number in the Packet, lists of Removals and Appointments of Officers in the months of May, June, July, August, September and October received from the Adjutant General.

Military Board, Buildings &ca.

42. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we have authorized several additions and repairs to be made to the Barracks at Barrampore as detailed on our Proceedings of the annexed date, the total expence of which we have limited to 39,295 Rupees agreeably to the estimate of Engineer.

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No. 2

*The margin is blank, but the reference is to Consultation dated 8th September 1797, Nos. 11-37.

43. The Military Board submitted to us the necessity of making some additional accommodations at Cawnpore for the European Troops stationed there, and recommended that two new Ranges of Barracks and enlarging the present eight Ranges be authorized, with which we complied limiting the expence for Materials to St. Rs. 44,544-10-11 and the Workmen's Wages to St. Rs. 23,484-14-5 being the Amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 4th Septr. Nos. 26 to 33

44. Having at the recommendation of the Military Board published an advertisement inviting proposals for supplying Salt Provision[s] for the use of the Military Depots and answering the demands of the other Presidencies, we beg leave to inform your Hon'ble Court that we have accepted of the proposals of Mr. W. B. Smith at the rate of 34 Sa. Rs. for each Cask of Beef of 180 lbs. and 27 Sa. Rs. for each Cask of Pork of 180 lbs., restricting the quantity however to 500 Casks of the former and 200 Casks of the latter, as we understand it to be your intention to send out from Europe a considerable quantity of Salt Provisions.

Consn. 8th Septr. Nos. 2 & 3

45. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have authorized the repairing of the roads and rebuilding the bridges at Barrackpore, limiting the expence of the former to Sa. Rs. 3,291-2-7 of the latter to Sa. Rs. 273-14-6 the estimated Amount of the Works.

Consn. 11th Septr. Nos. 19 to 21

46. The Military Board laid before us a letter from Major Marshall Commanding the Ramghur Battalion at Hazaree Baug on the subject of digging a Tank at that post for the use of the Troops stationed there, as well as the Detachments passing and repassing in their march up and down the Country during the reliefs of the Army, and also for the general benefit of the Inhabitants of that part of the Country.

Consn. 18th Septr. Nos. 45 to 47

47. The great Inconvenience which the Troops and Inhabitants suffered from the want of Water, had been observed by the Governor General on his way to Lucknow and the application of Major Marshall to the Military Board was made at the desire of the Governor General when at Hazareebaug.

48. The Military Board however recommended that the Tank should be of larger dimensions than those proposed by Major Marshall, which appeared to them inadequate to the intended purposes; and we accordingly agreed to their recommendation, desiring them to furnish us with an estimate of the expence.

49. The Military Board represented to us that Boxes had been found from experience much better calculated for carrying Powder in the Field than Barrels, that they are much safer, less liable to be broken or otherwise damaged, and

Consn. 25th Septr. Nos. 13 to 15

that they will be not only cheaper in the first Cost, (the price of 60 lb Barrel being Sicca Rs. 7) but in the end very materially so, as they will be much more durable; we at their recommendation authorized the making up of 600 of these boxes in lieu of Barrels for the proportion of powder at the Cawnpore and Futty Ghur Magazines, limiting the expense of each box to Sa. Rs. 6-5 the estimated Cost.

Consn. 29th Septr. No. 25

50. We have authorized the expence of an additional Gate to the Artillery Gun Shed at Dinapore and of pointing the whole of the wood Work, which was omitted in the Estimate recorded on our Proceedings of the 29th of May last, limiting the expence of the former work to Sa. Rs. 40 and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 142-11.

Do. Do. Nos. 26 to 29

51. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we authorized the alteration of the roads, and building four Pucka Bridges on the new roads leading through the Sepoy Lines at Barrackpore, restricting the Expence of the former work to Sa. Rs. 1,827-8 and of that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 1,758 the Amount of the respective Estimates.

52. From a further examination of the ground at Moneah upon which we proposed to build Cantonments for one European and two Native Regiments of Cavalry, it has been ascertained that it is not more than sufficient for the Cantonments of two Regiments; and the opinions formed respecting the Spot after the experience of the late Rainy Season, are not so decidedly favorable as to induce us to determine on the commencement of expensive buildings upon it whilst any hopes remain of discovering a preferable Situation both as to Space, firmness of Soil, dryness and exemption from Inundation.

Consn. 6th Octr. Nos. 8 to 10

53. We have therefore relinquished for the present our intention to build permanent Cavalry Cantonments at Moneah, and have given orders that a stop be put to the Collecting of materials.

Consn. 9th Octr. Nos. 1 to 3

54. The Chief Engineer having in consequence of our orders inspected the Fort and public Buildings at Midnapore, the Commander in Chief laid before us Colonel Cameron's Report and Estimates, accompanied by a Minute from himself on the Subject, in which he observed that the situation of the Fort appeared to be such as, under present Circumstances, would not justify the incurring so great an expence (Vizt. Sa. Rs. 49,752) as would be occasioned by the repairs and Improvements being executed on the most extensive of the two plans suggested by the Chief Engineer, but as it is usual, from the Vicinity of the Fort to the Frontier, to have some Troops always Stationed there, and it being a convenient Rendezvous for larger Bodies upon many occasions, as well as a safe Depot for Stores should it be found necessary to lodge them in that quarter, we at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, ordered the alterations to be made

according to the limited plan furnished by Colonel Cameron restricting the expence to Sa. Rs. 18,826.

55. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the erection of new Lines for a Battalion of Sepoys at Secrole, and the repair of the Public Buildings belonging to the Detachment of Artillery there, reducing the number of the Bells of Arms to five, and restricting the expence of the new Buildings to St. Rs. 3908-10 and that of the repairs to St. Rs. 652-3-10 according to the respective Estimates.

Consn. 20th Octr. Nos. 36 to 41

56. The Military Board having represented to us that some Truck Carriages for the transportation of heavy Stores were much wanted in the Arsenal, we authorized the making up of Six, limiting the expence of each to Sa. Rs. 385-5-1 the estimated Cost.

Consn. 27th Octr. No. 27

57. The Military Board represented to us the bad condition of the Soldiers Barracks No. 12 at Dinapore and recommended that we would authorize the necessary repairs to be made to them and that the work be entrusted to an Engineer Officer, with which we complied and directed that the Chunam and Teak Timbers that were collected for the intended Cantonments at Moneah, should be used in making these repairs, the estimated expence of which Amounts to Sa. Rs. 82,171-8.

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Board of Superintendance

58. The Board of Superintendance laid before us their Proceedings relative to the Charges incurred on Account of the Institution under their Management, made up to the close of the past Year of Account, 96/7, and the Estimate of expected Expenditure for the Current Year 1797/8.

Consn. 29th Septr.

59. By these Proceedings it appeared that an Excess of 14,060 Sa. Rs. beyond the amount estimated for the two past years had been advanced on Account of the Institution; and that the Estimate of the expected expenditure for the Current Year 1797/8 Amounted to Sa. Rs. 74,589-8.

60. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin for the explanations given by the Board of Superintendance for the above excess and a detail of the various Items comprehended in the Estimate of the Current Year, with our Resolutions thereon, only observing here that the Proceedings of that Board had our fullest approbation and that we accordingly sanctioned the excess and approved of the Estimate.

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61. We have great pleasure in remarking to your Hon'ble Court the successful progress of this Institution. The details recorded on our

Proceedings convey the amplest Information on the actual State as well as progress of it, and have obtained both for the Superintendant and the Board of Superintendance the approbation of Government for their Zeal and assiduity in the discharge of the Functions of their different Departments.

Miscellanea

62. In the List of Cadets for the Season 1795, received from your Hon'ble Court, there are two of the name of John Graham, the one 40 below the other, without any distinguishing Remark to identify the Senior. One of these Gentlemen came out on the Goddard Indiaman, and produced a Certificate dated the 16th of March 1796, his Arrival was published in our Minutes of Council of the 6th of February 1797—The other came out on the Melville Castle, produced a Certificate dated the 1st April 1796, and his arrival was notified in Minutes of Council of the 20th February.

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63. They are now both Officers, the one attached to the Cavalry, the other to the Infantry, consequently it is equally of importance to them, and to the Officers of their respective Corps, which[*sic*] is entitled to the place of Seniority. We therefore beg leave to request that Your Hon'ble Court will furnish us with the necessary Information on this point by an early opportunity.

64. We have for the present assigned the priority of Rank to John Graham attached to the Cavalry from his having arrived first in the Country, but at the same time declared in public Orders that, that Arrangement must be subject to revision upon further Information from your Hon'ble Court and that until the receipt of it, the Commissions of both will be withheld.

65. In the List of Cadets of the Season 1793 the name of John Slessor is inserted, but no such Gentleman has yet arrived—A Mr. William Slessor arrived in October 1795, and produced a Certificate dated the 27th March 1795, without expressing the Season for which he was appointed a Cadet.

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66. The name of William Slessor not appearing in the Lists received from you for the Seasons 1793, 1794 & 1795, we resolved that William Slessor, who has been promoted to the rank of Ensign, should remain in that rank, without having any specific date affixed to it, until such time as the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court shall be known respecting him.

67. The Commander in Chief laid before us a letter addressed to him by Major General Sir J. Criag stating, that in consequence of his Nomination to Command the intended Expedition, and the Shortness of the time after his arrival at Fort St. George for his making the necessary preparations, he was subjected

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to a very considerable Expence and Expressing his hopes that we would make him some Compensation.

68. As we were satisfied that General Craig must have incurred a very considerable Expence at Madras from the preparations which it was necessary for him to make on so short a notice, as Commander in Chief of the Expedition, and for which his ordinary Allowances as a General on the Staff could not be considered as sufficient, we permitted him to draw the Staff Allowance fixed by your Hon'ble Court for a General on the Staff from the period of his Arrival at Fort St. George, when he was nominated to the Command of the Expedition, and also the War Allowance for Camp Equipage during the time he was under Orders to take the Command. We also granted him the Passage Money of his Rank, from the Cape of Good Hope, which he had defrayed from his own funds, and £ Stg 500 on Account of his Appointment to the Command of the Expedition, and as a Compensation for the extraordinary Expences he unavoidably incurred.

69. We trust, under the Circumstances of the Case, that our granting these Allowances will meet with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 16th Octr. No. 17

70. It having been found expedient to detach from Chunar some of the Artillery Invalids to do duty at Secrole, in the Neighbourhood of Benares, we deemed it equitable to allow them the full Batta of Provisions whilst detached on duty out of Garrison, and directed the same rule to be observed in all similar cases that might occur in future.

Consn. 20th Octr. Nos. 1 & 2

71. Having received a representation from Ensign Henry Huthwaite, stating that an error had been committed with regard to his rank as Cadet, which according to his expectations and the Certificate brought out by him, and signed by your Secretary, ought to have been amongst the Cadets of the Season 1794 instead of 1795.

72. We transmit a Number in the Packet Copies of the Adjutant General's and Ensign Huthwaite's letters, and request to be favored with the determination of your Hon'ble Court on the point in question.

Consn. 20th Octr. Nos. 45 & 46

73. The Accountant General having reported that the Sum of Sa. Rs. 13,054-5 was due to the Military Orphan Society, being the Interest at 8 p Cent P Annum from the 1st May 1796, to the 30th April 1797, on St. Rs. 1,70,529-6-10 the Amount of unclaimed Shares of the Rohilla Donation of 1,774, we issued an Order in favour of the management for that Sum.

74. We transmit a Number in the Packet a Copy of the Accountant General's Report, and the List mentioned in it, and beg leave to recommend that the List be published in the Newspapers.

75. In consequence of a Retrenchment made by the Military Auditor General against Lieutenant Colonel Black Commanding the 3d Regiment of Native Cavalry for having drawn the Allowance fixed by your Orders of the 8th of January/96 for the Senior Officer of Cavalry when not of the rank of Colonel for the period previous to the nomination of Major General Rawstorne to be Colonel Commandant of Cavalry, the question whether Lieutenant Colonel Black was entitled to that Allowance for the time he claimed it, was brought to our Notice by the Commander in Chief, and we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court our Proceedings of the 14th of August and of the annexed date for the Minutes of the Governor General and Commander in Chief and our Resolutions and Determination on the above question, observing only that after the fullest consideration of your orders we confirmed the Retrenchment, as it appeared to be your intention that neither the Allowance of 600 Rupees per Month to the Commandant of Cavalry or of 4000 Rupees per Annum to the Senior Officer not being a Colonel, was to commence before the completion of the Corps and the period at which a Commandant was authorized to be appointed.

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76. It appeared to us that this additional Allowance was intended to be made to the person vested with the general Control and Management of the duties of the whole Corps, in consideration of the great Responsibility and Increase of duty and expence which must necessarily attach to such a Command. Lieutenant Colonel Black was neither nominated to, nor performed any duties unconnected with his own Regiment, nor had he reports or Returns made to him of the other Regiments of Cavalry nor any greater responsibility than the Officers, who Commanded them; and as your Hon'ble Court were unacquainted with the Rank of the eldest Officer of this Establishment who might be found qualified for the Cavalry line of the Service, we concluded that your Orders supposed the possibility of the Command of the Cavalry when completed being conferred on a Lieutenant Colonel, and that the extra Allowance of 4000 Rupees per Annum was intended to be given in this Case and no other.

We have the honor to be, &ca.

Fort William,
the 30th October 1797.

LETTER DATED 22 DECEMBER 1797

Change in allowances to His Majesty's troops—questions of command in cavalry—appointments, promotions, resignations and furlough—construction of new military buildings—compensation for non-receipt of clothing in 1796—no fees on brevet commissions.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. We have had the honor to receive your Letter of the 19th April last, to which we now beg leave to reply.

Para 1st. Mentioning the date of the last letter.	2. Requires no reply.
2nd. Notifying that several Officers had been permitted to return to the Service, without prejudice to their Rank.	3rd. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.
3rd. Relative to the Case of John Drummond of Artillery.	4. The Military Auditor General has been furnished with a copy of this paragraph.
4th Stating that Lieut J. Drummond's Affidavit goes a number in the Packet.	5. The Affidavit mentioned in this paragraph, has not been received.
5th. Respecting passage Money to Subaltern Officers who left India previous to the 1st of June 1796.	6th. These paragraphs have been published in General Orders.
6th. Communicating the names of several Assistant Surgeons who have been appointed.	
7th. Requiring, that a deposit be made previous to the Wife of a non-commissioned, or private Soldier of the King's or Company's being allowed to attend Passengers to Europe.	

7. Our last Address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 30th of October last. We have now the Honor to transmit a Triplicate of that Letter with a continuation of our proceedings to the End of the Year 1797.

Fort St. George

8. On our Proceedings referred to in the Margin is recorded a letter from the Government of Fort St. George transmitting a Report from their Military Auditor General relative to some Alterations which appeared necessary in the Allowance to His Majesty's Troops serving in India, in consequence of late Regulations adopted in England, together with a Minute of the Commander in Chief on the Subject.

Consn. 24th Novr. No. 1 to 9

9. Referring you to these papers, we shall here only observe, that We adopted the following Resolutions on the several points, at the Suggestion of the Commander in Chief.

1st. That the heads of Troops, the Paymasters and Surgeons of His Majesty's Regiments of Dragoons, serving under the Presidency, shall receive the Sums allowed by the Regulations of His Majesty dated the 13th August 1794, for Troops under 70 Privates each, from the period at which they may appear to be entitled to it.

2nd. That the Allowance hitherto made to the 19th Dragoons, serving under the Presidency of Fort St. George, under the denomination of Grass Money which now forms a part of the consolidated Allowance given to Dragoons by the King's Warrant of the 1st Septr. 1795, be granted and continued to the Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates that are actually mustered and effective in India, and to them only.

3rd. That the half-Penny Pr. diem, given to Privates of Infantry by his Majesty's Warrant of the 1st Septr. 1795 in lieu of what was formerly denominated Poundage, or old Allowance for Necessaries, be admitted in the distribution of Subsistence &c. to His Majesty's Regts. of Infantry serving under this Presidency.

10. We recommended the Adoption of these resolutions to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay, as far as they were applicable to the Troops serving under the latter Presidency[*sic*].

11. For the Reasons stated in the Commander in Chief's Minute, We beg leave to recommend that your Hon'ble Court will procure and furnish your several Governments in India, with authenticated Copies of all Regulations that may be occasionally made, relative to the Pay, Allowances or Appointments of His Majesty's Regiments serving in this Country.

12. On our proceedings of the annexed date, is recorded a Minute from the Commander in Chief on the Subject of a letter from the Government of Fort St. George forwarding a Report, made by the Adjutant General on the Coast, respecting the Commissions of His Majesty, that have been received for the Company's Officers of that Establishment; Concurring entirely in the Sentiments of the Commander in Chief, as expressed in his

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Minute, We beg leave to recommend that you will adopt such Measures as may be necessary for obtaining the Authority of His Majesty for the Commander in Chief in India, for the time being, to confer, until the pleasure of His Majesty shall be known, Rank in the King's Army in India, upon the Company's Officers corresponding with that which they may hold, or to which they may be promoted, for the purpose of completing the different Ranks in the Establishment of the Army; and also upon such of the Company's Officers as may obtain brevet promotions, from your Governments exclusive of that which may be granted in Consequence of His Majesty's general Brevet promotions.

13. We shall furnish you with Correct Lists of your Army under this Presidency, and of the promotions that may, occasionally, take place, and beg leave to recommend that authenticated Copies of them be sent to the War Office, that such of the Officers in your Service, as may be entitled to it from their Standing in the Service may be included in His Majesty's General Brevets issued from that Office.

Consn. 18th Decr. No. 16 to 19

14. We have embarked for Madras on the Lord Macartney and Lord Hawkesbury, the 268 Lascars who have been entertained here for Service on the Coast, in Consequence of the request of that Government, as already noticed to your Hon'ble Court.

Military Arrangements

Consn. 20th Novr. No. 4

15. The following Questions brought before us by the Commander in Chief in a Minute recorded in our proceedings of the 20th Novr. have been determined by us in the Negative.

"Whether the Senior Officer of Cavalry, in the Absence of the Coll. Commandant on leave to Europe or other Circumstances, is to be invested with the General Controul and Management of the whole Corps?"

"Whether a Major General is competent to perform the Duties of his Corps as Coll. Commandant of Cavalry when mixed with other Troops?"

Consn. 24th Novr. Nos. 21 & 22

16. No Establishments of Quarter Master's people having been fixed for a Regiment of European Dragoons, either in the Field or Cantonments, We at the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, adopted the Establishments detailed on our Proceedings of the 24th November.

Consn. 24th Novr. Nos. 33 & 34

17. Major Generals Popham and Jones having addressed representations to us in Consequence of their not having been selected for the Staff, we deemed it sufficient to acquaint them, that in selecting the Generals for the Staff, we made that Selection which We deemed proper.

18. At the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief we have directed the following detachments to be held in readiness for Embarkation.

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A detachment of Artillery consisting of 20 Matrosses to replace Vacancies in the Company of Artillery at Hyderabad, to proceed under a Subaltern Officer of Artillery to Masulipatam by Sea, and from thence by land to Hyderabad.

A detachment of Artillery consisting of a Subaltern Officer and 20 Matrosses to replace Vacancies in the detachment at Fort Marlbro', & to proceed under Charge of Captn. Douglas of Artillery.

A Company of the Marine Battalion to relieve a Company at Fort Marlbro', to proceed under Charge of Ensign Cox, who has been appointed to that Station.

19. On the Arrival of the above detachment at Fort Marlbro' one of the Companies of the marine Battalion, now there, consisting of the Native Officers and Men who were drafted from the Regular Battalions at Barrackpore, in January 1795, and to whom a promise of relief was made as soon as Circumstances might admit, will be returned to Bengal by the first opportunity.

20. Major General Erskine having returned to this Presidency in Consequence of our Orders communicated to you in our letter of the 28th August last, we directed him to proceed and to assume the Command of the Station of Chunar to which he stood appointed.

Appointments &c.

21. In Consequence of the determination of the Governor General to proceed to the Upper Provinces on the public Service, we have appointed Captn. H. T. Calcraft, Private Secretary and Aid[e] de Camp, and Capn. W. Sandys Aid[e] de Camp to Mr. Speke Vice President & Depy. Governor.

Consn. 24th Novr.

22. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, We appointed Coll. George Russel, Colonel of the 13th Regiment of Native Infantry, and removed Colonel Thos. Nicholls from the 3rd European Regiment to the 14th Regiment of Native Infantry, appointing Colonel R. Lucas, Colonel of the 3rd European Regiment, in the room of Colonel Nicholls.

23. In consequence of the departure of Major Generals C. Morgan & P. Duff both of whom were on the Staff of this Establishment, We have appointed Major Generals G. Deare and E. Rawstorne, who were nominated by our resolutions of the 5th June last to act on the Staff until the Arrival of Major General Craig and the return of Major General Erskine to succeed Major Generals Morgan and Duff.

Cons. 18th Decr.

24. General Deare has been appointed to the Command of the Troops at the Presidency Station, and to act as Vice President of the Military

Board in the room of General Duff; and General Rawstorne has been appointed to succeed General Morgan in the Command of the Station of Berhampore.

25. As We considered the Assistance of an Artillery Officer necessary to the Military Board, we nominated Colonel V. W. Hussey, the Senior Officer of Artillery now at the Presidency, to a Seat at that board, and Colonel Hussey being the Senior Officer at the Presidency, we in conformity to the principle adopted in the case of General Duff, appointed Colonel Hussey to act as Vice President until the Arrival of General Deare.

26. We have appointed Mr. C. Cornish Assistant Surgeon, deputy Apothecary and Surgeon to the 24 Purgunnahs in the room of Mr. A. Russel promoted to the Rank of full Surgeon.

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27. We have also appointed Mr. W. Himtes, who is one of the Presidency Surgeons, Surgeon to the Marine in the Room of Mr. C. Cornish.

Resignations and Furloughs &c.

28. We have permitted Ensign N. Newnham to resign your Service and return to Europe.

Consn. 6th Novr. No. 3 to 5

29. The Following Officers and Surgeons have been permitted to proceed to Europe on furlough.

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Do. do.	Major General P. Duff.
Do. do.	Major General Jones.
Do. do.	Lieutt. Coll. R. E. Roberts.
Do. do.	Bt. Captn. J. Richardson on account of Sickness.
Do. do.	Mr. J. Robinson, Assistant Surgeon, Sickness.
Consn. 24th Novr.	Major General C. Morgan.
Do. do.	Major General J. Forbes.
Do. do.	Brevet Captn. Chas. Grieg.
Do. do.	Mr. Francis Balfour, Head Surgeon, for the recovery of his Health.

30. Mr. F. Balfour in soliciting our permission to proceed to Europe on Account of Sickness submitted for our Consideration a Representation on the Subject of the Pensions granted to the medical Establishment from which it appears that according to the letter of your Orders of the 8th January 1796, he is not entitled to the Pension of a Member of the Medical Board, altho' he has more than once acted in that Capacity, and has served upwards of twenty eight Years.

Consn. 24th Novr. No. 39 to 42

31. A Copy of Mr. Balfour's Address, with a Copy of a certificate furnished by the Adjutant General of Mr. Balfour's period of Service, are forwarded in the packet, & in consideration of Mr. Balfour's long Services, and of his having at different Periods held a Seat at the Hospital Board, added to his having been at length deprived of that Situation, in consequence

of your Orders reducing the Number of Members to two, We beg leave to recommend Mr. Balfour's case to the favorable consideration of your Hon'ble Court, and that he may be admitted to the Pension established for a Member of the Hospital Board, should his Health or other Circumstances prevent his return to his duty in India.

32. Lieut. Coll. R. Baillie has been permitted to retire from the Service.
Consn. 27th Novr.

33. Captn. R. Haldane permitted to proceed to England on Furlough for the Adjustt. of his private Affairs.
Do. Do.

34. Lieut. Colonel W. Denby has received our Permission to proceed on Furlough for the Adjustt. of his private concerns.
Consn. 2nd Decr.

35. We have permitted Mr. James Roberston, Assistant Surgeon, to proceed to Europe, for the recovery of his Health.
Do. Do.
Nos. 30 to 34

Military Board, Buildings, and Agencies

36. At the recommendation of the Military Board we have authorized the repair of the public Bridges at Cawnpore, limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 878-8-8.
Consn. 3rd Novr.
Nos. 11 to 13

37. The Military Board having represented to us that a very considerable loss of the Oil and Ghee belonging to the depot in Fort William has been sustained from the present Mode of keeping it in Jars Sunk in the Ground in one of the Garrison Storekeeper's Enclosures, & recommended the Erection of a Shed for the lodgement and preservation of these Articles, we authorized the building, restricting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 2,172-14 the Amount of the Estimate furnished by the Chief Engineer.
Consn. 6th Novr.
Nos. 30 to 31

38. We also authorized the repairing 178 Cots at the Station of Dinapore at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 348-12, and the making up 300 new Cots for the Use of that Station at 6 Sicca Rs. each.
Consn. 10th Novr.
Nos. 35 to 38

39. In consequence of a representation from the Military Board, that one of the Serjeants attached to the Quarter Master General's Department was not furnished with any Quarters, We authorized the building a small Bungalow for his Accommodation, confining the Expence to Sa. Rs. 250 the Sum formerly allowed on similar Occasions.

40. On our proceedings noted in the Margin, are recorded the Estimates of the Expence of the temporary buildings at Cawnpore for the reception of the 27th Regt. of Light Dragoons mentioned in the 24th parah. of our letter of the 30th October last, amounting to Sa. Rs. 13,936-6-7 of which we approved.
Consn. 20th Novr.
Nos. 35 & 36

41. The Innoculating Hospital at Dum Dum having been blown down, We authorized the Erection of a new hospital with the necessary Out houses at the estimated Expence of Sa. Rs. 774.
Cons. 20th Nov.
Nos. 37 & 38

42. We also authorized the Erection of a Smith's Shop at Dum Dum for the use of the Artillery while at practice there, at an Expence of Sa. Rs. 1,353-10.

Consn. 8th Decr. Nos. 15 & 16

43. We transmit to you a Number in the packet a Statement of the small arms and Accoutrements for the Infantry & Artillery remaining in the arsenal & different Magazines under this Presidency on the 31st of October last; and as there will remain only about 16,500 new Serviceable Musquets in all the Magazines under this Establishment after the Arms for the new levies are served out, we are satisfied that your Hon'ble Court will feel the Necessity of complying as early as may be practicable with our repeated solicitations for a full supply of musquetry & small Arms for the Use of the Army.

Consn. 8th Decr. Nos. 17 & 18

44. We have authorized the building of a Bungalow at Moneah for the Accom[m]odation of the riding Master & Serjt. Major of the 3rd Regiment of Native Cavalry, limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 6491-14-6.

Consn. 15th Decr. Nos. 12 & 13

45. We have also authorized the Erection of a new Chabootra for the Cutwal of the Barrackpore Bazar, at an Expence of Sa. Rs. 269-14.

Consn. 15th Decr. Nos. 17 to 19

Hospital Board

46. The Government of Fort Marlbro' having repeatedly applied to us for two additional Assistant Surgeons, and the Hospital Board having represented that none could be spared from the duties of this Establishment, without greatly distressing some of the departments of the Service, We at the recommendation of that board, appointed Mr. J. Lumsdaine, a Gentleman lately employed by us on board of the General Goddard Indiaman, when proceeding on the late projected Expedition, to act as Assistant Surgeon at Fort Marlbro' whilst his Services might be necessary, with the Pay and Batta annexed to the Situation.

Consn. 10th Novr. No. 42

47. On Our proceedings of the 14th of August and 29th September are recorded an Address from the Surgeons attached to Native Regiments, soliciting an Alteration in the present Mode of managing the Sepoy Hospitals, & requesting that they might be permitted to draw the Medical Allowance, and to provide Doolies when in cantonments. Agreeably to the Opinion of the hospital Board, to which We beg leave to refer you, we resolved that no Alteration should be made in the present Mode of managing the Sepoy Hospitals.

Consn. 27th Novr. No. 1 & 2

48. The Hospital Board having laid before us a letter from Mr. S. Davidson Surgeon at Dacca, stating the Necessity of appointing an Assistant Surgeon to that Station in consequence of the numerous calls for medical Assistance, and recommended on account of the great Scarcity of Assistant Surgeons, that Mr. William Tutin, a Gentleman not in your Service but who has been

Consn. 22nd Decr No. 20 & 21

regularly bred to the profession, should be employed in that Situation; We, from the necessity of the case, adopted the recommendation and have employed Mr. Tutin to do duty at Dacca as an Assistant Surgeon, with the established Pay and Batta, until by the Arrival of more Assistant Surgeons his service can be dispensed with.

Military Auditor General

49. We transmit a Number in the Packet for the Information of your Hon'ble Court, a Copy of a Letter from the Military Auditor General containing a Statement of Bills which have been passed by him for six Months pay in advance to Officers gone to Europe.

Consn. 6th Novr. No. 10

Miscellanea

50. Representations having been made to us that a great proportion of the Cloathing of the Army for the year 1795/6 which ought to have been served out on the 1st November 1796, was now only under dispatch for the Corps, we deemed two Suits of Cloathing to the Troops in the course of the same Season, unnecessary and useless to themselves, and therefore determined that the Cloathing intended for the Year 1795/6 should be appropriated for the year 1796/7, and agreed to grant a compensation in Money, for the Cloathing of the last mentioned Year, adequate to the contract price of it, both to the Natives and Europeans entitled to cloathing on the 1st of November 1796.

51. For a detail of the Orders issued by us on the Occasion, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the 3rd November.

Consn. 3rd Novr.

52. Finding that the Fees on Commissions signed by His Majesty are the full rates established for the several Ranks in His Majesty's Service, We thought proper to direct that no Fees should be charged on the Brevet Commissions issued by this Government to the Officers of this Establishment, (except on that of a Major General). We considered the Payment of Fees for three Commissions of same degree of rank would fall heavy on the Officers.

53. The Widow of the late Capt. William Preston of your Military Service on this Establishment having applied to be admitted to the benefit of Lord Clive's Pension, and furnished the prescribed affidavit, We beg leave to recommend that she be admitted accordingly from the date of the decease of her late Husband.

Consn. 27th Novr. No. 3

54. We have permitted Mrs. Preston to draw in India a Sum equal to the Pension to which she will be entitled until your pleasure shall be known.

55. The families of the Men of the Marine Battalion, lately detached to Prince of Wales's Island, from the part of that Corps which was ordered on the late intended Expedition,

Consn. 4th Decr. No. 2

having expressed a desire to be allowed a Passage to that place, we had no hesitation in adopting the Recommendation of the Commander in Chief, that their request should be complied with, & have accordingly ordered them to be embarked by the first Opportunity that may offer.

56. A list of Promotions is forwarded a Number in the Packet.

We have the honor to be,

Fort William
the 22nd of Decr. 1797.

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LETTER DATED 13 MARCH 1798

Dismissal of Madras army officers on furlough for more than three years—Ramgarh Battalion to be composed of those from hilly areas—horses and horse allowance for certain officers—special allowance to agent for accoutrements—Repairs and additions to military buildings—dispute about Military Board's power respecting appointments—no salaries for members of Military Board—allowances to detachments of Royal Artillery serving at Madras—question of payment to H.M. troops from Company's funds—Carruthers sent back to Europe for misconduct—Maj. Carnegie, a security for Paymaster Smith, to pay Company's dues in monthly instalments.

Military Department

TO The Hon'ble the Courts of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 22nd December last.

2. We have since had the honor to receive by the Admiral Gardner your Letters of the 30th of June and 5th of July last, to which we shall now reply.

Answer to General Letter dated 30th June 1797

Para 1st Noticing the date of their last Letter.

3. Requires no reply.

2d. Acquainting that Mr. J. Denny Assistant Surgeon had been permitted to return to the Service.

3d. Pointing out the Situation

4. These Paragraphs have been published in orders Mr. Becher has long Since been admitted into the Service and Ranks according to his

of Mr. George Becher on the list of Cadets of 1794.	Standing in the List of Cadets.
4th. Acknowledging the receipt of a Letter per Georgiana.	5. Requires no reply.
5th. Containing a Resolution that no Officer on Furlough shall receive pay for more than two years and half, unless when returning to his duty &ca.	6. This Paragraph has been published in orders for the Information of the Army.
6th & 7th. Respecting Certificates of Pay to Officers on Furlough.	7. Copies of these Paragraphs with the Certificates mentioned have been sent to the Miliary Auditor General.
8th. Respecting the payment of the Share of the Rohilla Donation due to Lieutenant Plumer &ca.	8. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
9th & 10th. Mentioning the Names of Officers permitted to return to the Service.	9. These Paragraphs have been published in orders.
11th. Acquainting that one additional Cadet had been appointed.	
12th. Containing the names of Several Assistant Surgeons appointed for Bengal.	
13th. Advising that 50£ had been given to Lieutenant Mason of Artillery on account of passage Money.	10. Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
14th. Advising that Mr. Hector Tulloh had been appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bombay instead of Bengal & Noticing that the names of Mr. R. Dinmore & J. Martin Assistant Surgeons had been by mistake repeated in the letter of 19th April last.	11. This Paragraph has been published in orders.
15th. Directing that an Assistant Surgeon be sent from hence to Bencoolen.	12. We informed your Hon'ble Court in the 46th Paragraph of our Letter of the 22nd December last that Mr. Lumsdain Assistant Surgeon had been sent to Fort

Marlbro on the Queen. The inadequate number of Assistant Surgeons for the duties of this Establishment will not admit of our adding another Assistant Surgeon to the Establishment of Fort Marlbro', nor of sending one to relieve Mr. Lumsdain.

Answer to Letter of the 5th July 1797

Para 1st. Noticing the date of last dispatch &ca.	13. Require no reply.
2d. & 3d.	
4th. Respecting the recruiting the Madras Army from Bengal.	14. Require no reply.
5th 6th 7th & 8th...........	
9th. Acquiescing in the allowance given to the Children of the King's Troops.	15. We have furnished the Military Auditor General & the Orphan Management with Copies of this Paragraph.
10th..................	16. Requires no reply.
11th. Directing that no more transfers of Officers from the Infantry to the Artillery and Engineer Corps be made.	17. This Paragraph has been published in orders, and we shall conform to the direction which it contains.
12th. Approving of the appointments of Riding Masters to the Cavalry.	18. Require no reply.
13th & 14th. Approving of Certain works having been authorized.	
15th. Adverting to observations on a report of Iron Guns sent from England.	
16th. Advising that orders had been given for the supply of Certain Stores.	19. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Board.
17th, 18th, 19th 20th 21st, 22d & 23d.	20. Require no reply.
24th. Approving of several works having been authorized &ca.	

25th. Expressing their sense of the deligence and exertions of the Military Auditor General.	21. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
26th. Noticing that the Military Paymaster General merits commendation for having completed his Books at so early a period.	22. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Paymaster General.
27th, 28th, 29th, & 30th....	23. Require no reply.
31st. Advising that Mrs. Rotton & Mrs. Linstedt had been admitted pensioners on the Military Fund.	24. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
32d, 33d & 34th.	25. Require no reply.
35th. Respecting the plan to be adopted for the future Provision of Draft and Carriage Cattle for the Army and Noticing that the report of the Military Board on the Subject will come opportunely in aid of Lord Cornwallis's deliberations &ca.	26. You will hereafter be advised of the plan that may be adopted for the provision of Draft & Carriage Cattle.
36th.	27. Requires no reply.
37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th. Fixing finally the rank of Assistant Surgeons.	28. These Paragraphs have been published in orders for the Information of the Parties.
48th. Respecting the happy effects of the invalid Tennah Establishment &ca.	29. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief with a request that he will Communicate the Sentiments of your Hon'ble Court to Captain Hutchinson the Superintending Officer.
49th, 50th, 51st & 52d......	30. Require no reply.
53d. Respecting the mutiny of the late 15th Battalion and directing that General Erskine and the other Officers be informed that the Court of Directors are impressed with a due sense of their Merits on the occasion.	31. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief with a request that he will Communicate the sentiments of your Hon'ble Court to the Officers to whom they relate.

54th. Respecting the Establishment of the Marine Battalion.	32. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief.
55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, & 61st.	33. Require no reply.
62d. Approving of the Construction of a Mess room at Dum Dum.	34. Require no reply.
63d.	
64th. Approving of the erection of Store rooms at Chunar and desiring to be acquainted whether this work and the Construction of the Mess-room at Dum Dum has been executed within the Estimate.	35. We have called upon the Military Board to furnish the Information required in these Paragraphs.
65th. Respecting the flewing of the Officers Bung[a]lows at Barrackpore.	
66, 67, 68 & 69.	
70. Respecting a Jail for the Town of Calcutta.	36. Require no reply.
71st, 72d, 73d, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, & 78th.	
79th. Approving of an application having been made to Major General Floyd for some non Commissioned Officers.	37. Require no reply.
80th, 81st & 82d.	
83d. Approving of the erection of a Bung[a]low at Futty Ghur &ca.	
84th. Adverting to the proceedings of the Military Board on the rebuilding of the Walls of the Officers Barracks at Dinapore and directing that the Military Board be called upon to frame Regulations for establishing a vigilant check over the execution of Public Works &ca.	38. Copies of these Paragraphs have been sent to the Military Board with directions to prepare the suggested Regulations.
85th. Approving of certain grounds and buildings being	39. Require no reply.

appropriated to the use of the Garrison Store-keeper.

86th. First Cloathing for Sebundy Corps at the Company's expence approved of.

87th. Approving of a Committee having been appointed to Consider on the best mode of forming Reservoirs.

40. Require no reply.

88th, 89th & 90............

91st. Noticing that the Madeira Wine purchased for the Depots was stated at 200 Rupees pr. pipe by the Proceedings of the Military Board and not at 150 as stated in the 37th. Paragraph of our Letter and desiring an explanation thereof, and observing that Lieutenant J. Davidson has been appointed Storekeeper with a permanent Salary of 200 Rs. a Month besides a Commission on his supplies—disapproving of the Commission, and directing that it be forthwith Discontinued.

41. In our Letter to which this Paragraph is in reply, we omitted to state that two purchases of Wine had been made (as on reference to our Proceedings of the 2d November 95 We find to have been the Case) and that both were authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board the first at 200 Rs. a pipe, the second at 150 Rs. a pipe. The quantity of the latter was about 320 pipes as stated in No. 35 on the abovementioned Proceedings.

42. We trust that this explanation will be satisfactory to your Hon'ble Court.

43. Agreeably to your Directions in the concluding part of this Paragraph, we have discontinued the Commission to the Storekeeper at Chunar.

92d, 93d, 94th, & 95th......

44. Require no reply.

96th. Informing that the propriety of relieving both the Crown and the Company from the expence incurred by the appointment of a Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops had been submitted to His Majesty's Paymaster General.

45. We shall wait the result of the application advised in this Paragraph.

97th, 98th, 99th,............

46. Require no reply.

100. Respecting Captain Edward's Memorial and Stating that it contains nothing to induce a departure from the Principle established not to interpose the Company's Influence in the recovery of any claims of Individuals on the Nabob Vizier.	47. Require no reply.
101. Approving of the manner in which Coll. Cockerell's arrears were adjusted.	
102d. Advising that Captain R. Scott's Share of Donation was paid in England and directing that repayment of the amount paid on the same account to Lieutenant J. Scott be made in Cash.	48. The Military Auditor General and Pay Master General have been furnished with Copies of this Paragraph; Care will be taken that the Money is refunded.
103, 104...............	49. Require no reply.
105. Approving of the Instructions to Bombay on Coll. Balfour's being ordered with his Regiment to Columbo.	50. Requires no reply.
106. Disapproving of an Officer having been sent to New South Wales to recruit, and forbidding a repetition of the Experiment.	51. The directions contained in this Paragraph will be duly attended to.
107. Approving of Captain Owen having been sent to the Cape to recruit &ca.	52. Require no reply.
108....................	
109. Respecting Combinations of Officers.	53. Require no reply.
110...................	
111. Advising that Mr. Hunter had presented a Memorial praying for certain allowances and that the application had not been complied with.	54. Requires no reply.
112. The Resolutions allowing Military Chaplains the pay of Captains on Furlough Confirmed.	55. This Paragraph has been published in orders.
113. Referring to the Regulations advised in the Letter of the 22d March 1796,	56. Requires no reply.

114. Respecting the Hospital at Mongheer for the reception of Insane Native Soldiers and trusting that it will be constructed on the most reasonable terms, and the Institution itself conducted in the most œconomical manner.

57. This work has lately been reported completed under the directions of Lieutenant Scott. The expence of the original work was estimated at 15,395 Rupees but some small necessary additions were made and approved of by the Military Board, which increased the amount of the Estimate to Sa. Rs. 18,752-4.

58. The expences of this Institution shall be carefully attended to.

115. . . . .

59. Requires no reply.

116. Respecting the manner of proving Gun powder.

60. Copies of these Paragraphs have been sent to the Military Board.

117. Respecting the Number of Musquets to be sent to India, and stating that the Light Iron 12 prs. could not be cast in time for the ships of 1794.

118. Stating that directions had been given that the Guns Supplied to several ships should be returned into the Arsenal at Fort William and that the Indent No. 954 would not be complied with.

119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 & 126. . . . .

61. Require no reply.

127. Stating that two of the Guns lent to the Ship Marquis of Lansdowne had been condemned, and four returned to Bengal.

62. We have furnished the Military Board with a Copy of this Paragraph.

128. Stating that the owners of the Earl of Oxford will be charged with the Amount of Stores &ca.

63. Requires no reply.

129. Approving of the Gratuity given to the Committee that was appointed to ascertain the best mode of Constructing Gun Carriages & directing that the several reports upon the Subject be transmitted to Madras with the Minutes

64. We have furnished the Military Board with a Copy of this Paragraph and shall attend to the directions Contained in it.

& proceedings of the Military Board.	
130. Admitting Mrs. Cashman a pensioner on the Military Fund.	65. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
131..................	65A. Requires no reply.
132. Acknowledging the receipt of the annual Statement by the Georgeana, and an Analysis thereof—and Stating that the Court is Sensible of the exertions used in completing this work.	66. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
133d, 134th..............	67. Require no reply.
135. Advising that the pay to Head Surgeons of General Hospitals on Furlough shall be equal to that of Major.	68. This Paragraph has been published in orders.
136. Advising that the bills drawn by Lieutenant Beckwith of the new South Wales Corps had been accepted.	69. Requires no reply.
137. Respecting the Medical Indents.	70. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Hospital Board.
138..................	71. Requires no reply.
139, 140. Respecting the recovery of double payments made on account of deposits of deceased Mil.	72. Require no reply.
141. Approving of the appointment of Teacher of Mathematics having been abolished.	73. Require no reply.
142. Approving of the determination respecting additional allowance to Captain Reynolds.	
143. Approving of the Contract for providing Elephants & Camels having been given to Mr. McRea.	
144. Approving of the Proceedings relative to the provision of Saddles and horse furniture and trusting that due Care will be taken	74. The Military Board have been furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph with directions that your Instructions be carefully attended to.

that they are of the best Materials & Workmanship.	
145. Approving of Several works having been authorized.	75. Require no reply.
146. Advising that the Owner of the Prince William Henry will be Charged for Stores supplied to that Ship.	
147.	
148. Respecting the Claim of the Company on Mr. George Dallas.	
149, 150. Mrs. Sloane Mrs. Blake & Mrs. Daniel admitted Pensioners on the Military Fund.	76. Copies of these Paragraphs have been sent to the Military Auditor General.
151. Approving of the Regulations which require Affidavits from Widows of Warrant Officers claiming the Pension and directing that the affidavits of the respective persons be transmitted numbers in the Packet.	77. The directions contained in the last Paragraph shall be attended to.
152, 153, 154, 155.	78. Require no reply.
156. Mr. Binny's application to be restored to the Service not complied with and directing that no more applications of the kind be sent home.	79. Your determination on Mr. Binny's application has been communicated to him. We shall attend in future to your directions on this Subject.
157. Mr. Ledlie Assistant Surgeon admitted to the Service from the time he was appointed to the 14th Battalion by Lord Cornwallis.	80. This Paragraph has been published in orders.
158. Approving of Mr. Huttons bill having been discharged &ca.	81. Requires no reply.
159 & 160.	82. Require no reply.
161. Approving of the Resolution passed on Lieutenant Coll. Sterling's claim to Revenue Money.	83. The Military Board have been furnished with a Copy of this Paragraph and your Instructions and Suggestions will be Carefully attended to.
162. Respecting Several articles of Military Expenditure and relating that no Military Disbursement will be recommended or authorized that shall not be	

evidently necessary &ca. and that every possible attention to œconomy will be observed &ca.	
163.	84. Requires no reply.
164. Approving of the encouragement given to Mr. Henry Harvey for bringing to perfection the Manufacture of Country Leather desiring to know the Success of Mr. Harvey's endeavours and whether he has repaid the (Rs. 15,000) advanced him.	85. Mr. Harvey is prosecuting his plan for the Establishment of the Manufacture of Country Leather but as the heavy expence which he has incurred would have rendered it very inconvenient to him to repay the advance at present, we have at the recommendation of the Military Board deferred calling on him for the amount.
165, 166. Respecting the Gunpowder supplied to the Henry Dundas.	86. Require no reply.
167. Advising that Lieutenant Hodgson's Share of the Donation was not claimed in England desiring the Bond to be given up which was taken from him here.	87. We have furnished the Military Auditor General with a Copy of this Paragraph.
168.	88. Require no reply.
169. Respecting the Construction put on the orders regarding pay to Officers on Furlough.	
170. Admitting Mrs. Squires a Pensioner on the Military Fund.	89. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
171. Trusting that every unnecessary expence on account of the Stud will be avoided.	90. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Board of Superintendence.
172, 173.	90A. Require no reply.
174. Determination on the Claim of Mr. R. Morris to be an Assistant Surgeon. The appointment of Mr. Shoolbred Confirmed.	91. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Hospital Board.
175. Stating that the List of Cadets will serve for a guidance in determ[in]ing the question of rank between Cornets Elliott & Swinton.	92. A Copy of this Paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief.
176, 177.	93. Requires no reply.

94. We have the honor to forward to you our further Proceedings in this Department to the 13th March.

Fort St. George

95th. The Government of Fort St. George having requested our opinion, whether Certain Officers who left Madras for Europe in February 1794, should be struck off the Strength of Corps agreeably to the principles of our Resolutions of the 8th May last, We gave it as our opinion that such of the Officers as left India in February 1964, and who did not return to their duty by the 25th of April 1797, (the period of the arrival of the last Ship of the Season,) and who consequently had been absent from their Duty upwards of three years, should be Struck off the Strength of Corps, excepting such of them as might have arrived since that period, or of whose return to the Service, official Intimation had been given by your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 30th Jany. No. 5

96th. The Government of Fort St. George having permitted Mr. Buirette, formerly an Assistant Surgeon on that Establishment and entitled by the orders of your Hon'ble Court to a Pension of Twenty Star Pagodas a Month to reside in Bengal, we have at their request agreed to pay his Pension during his Residence at this Presidency.

Consn. 13th March No. 2

Bombay

97. The Government of Bombay referred to us an application made to them by James Douglas Richardson, Executor to the Estate of the late Captain William Richardson, of that Establishment, for Sums alledged to be due to the Estate for Establishments entertained by the deceased when Quarter Master General to the Southern Army, and also an Account of some Contingent Expences incurred by him on that Service.

Consn. 2nd Feby.

98. As these accounts as well as various others of a Similar nature had been before determined on, and communicated to your Hon'ble Court, we after Considering your Orders to the Government of Bombay on the Subject, gave it as our Opinions [*sic*] that it would not be adviseable to revise either the Claims in question, or any other claims of a similar Discription, without your previous sanction.

99th. We beg leave to refer to your Hon'ble Court an application recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, from Lieutenant Coll. Reynolds of your Bombay Establishment, to be furnished with Copies of several Surveys to be inserted in a General Map of Hindostan, preparing [*sic*] by him.

Consn. 5th March No. 15 & 16

Military Arrangements

100th. Your Hon'ble Court are apprized of the great mortality experienced by the Regular Corps which have been occasionally employed in the Hills and Jungles of Ramghur, from the unhealthiness of the Climate. At the period of their being relieved, some of them had suffered to so great a degree, as to be Scarcely fit for Service. To Save these Corps, was accordingly one of the principal objects which we had in view in raising the Ramghur Battalion, and that the Corps itself might be better Calculated for the Service for which it is required, it was originally intended that it should be Composed of the Inhabitants of the Country above the Ghauts, whose health it was presumed would be less liable to be affected by the climate than that of the Inhabitants of the low Country.

101st. It was found impracticable however to engage in the Service any considerable Number of Hill People, and those who offered to enlist were represented as unfit for Soldiers. The Battalion was in consequence recruited from the people below the Ghaut[s], & although many of them as was to be expected have experienced the bad effects of the Climate, yet from the care of the Commanding Officer and from our having authorized him to send all the Sick men, below the Ghauts, the Number in the Sick List of the Corps is inconsiderable, Compared with that which used to be exhibited in the Lists of the Regular Battalions, which have been employed on duty in that part of the Country.

102d. Being Solicitous however, that the Corps should be constituted in the manner Originally proposed, and the Commander in Chief having stated it as his Opinion that the object would be most likely to be attained by recruiting a few men from above the Ghauts in the first instance, and in the event of these being found to possess the requisite qualities for Soldiers, gradually augmenting the Number as vacancies might occur in the Battalion, until the whole Corps should be either entirely composed of Hill people, or such a proportion of it as might be Sufficient for the performance of the duties of the most unhealthy Situations. We accordingly resolved, that to each Company of the Ramghur Battalion there should be one Havildar, one Naick, and Fifteen Sepoys, to be raised entirely from amongst the *Daungers*, or Hill people.

Consn. 5th Jany. No. 3& 4

103d. Another Representation has been laid before us by the Commander in Chief from the Subaltern Officers, who were Cadets of the Year 1782, Soliciting to be promoted to the Rank of Brevet Captains, upon which we beg to be favoured with your determination.

Consn. 16th Jany. Nos. 1 to 3

104th. At the request of Lieutenant G. Money we have revoked the permission formerly given to him, to resign the Service.

Consn. 16th Jany. Nos. 5 & 6

105th. In consequence of an application from the Military Auditor General to be informed what Horse allowance was to be given to the Chaplain and Quarter Master of the 27th Light Dragoons, we referred the Matter for the opinion of the Commander in Chief, and at His recommendation have fixed for the Chaplain the same allowance as is granted to Subalterns for the Supply and feeding of Horses, and 30 Rs. a Month for each Quarter Master.

Consn. 6th Feby. No. 1

106th. The Commanding Officer of the 27th Regiment of Dragoons, having represented the inability of the Officers and Quarter Masters of the 27th Dragoons, to purchase Suitable Horses for themselves on account of the very high price required for them, and the Commander in Chief having expressed it as his opinion, that the Funds of few of the Officers in the inferior Ranks were equal to the immediate defraying of so heavy an Expence it was determined in consideration of the above Circumstances, and of the Necessity of the Officers being proprely mounted, that certain of the Officers and the Quarter Masters should be permitted to take each a charger from the lots of the Recruit Horses, paying the Government price for them, under the following limitations.

1st. That the indulgence should be confined to Subaltern Officers and Quarter Masters.

2nd. That the Indulgence should not be repeated to any Officer—but confined to a Single Instance.

3d. That the Horses received by the Subaltern Officers and Quarter Masters, should not be disposed of by them without the Sanction of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment.

4th. That the Company's price, Vizt. 400 Rs. should be deposited in the hands of the Paymaster of the Station, on taking possession of the Horses.

107th. The Commander in Chief having found it requisite to embody the Native Grenadiers of the army in the Field into two Battalions, we authorized the Officers who had been appointed to the Command of these Battalions, to draw Superior Batta during their Command.

Consn. 16th Jany. No. 6 to 9

108th. We also authorized Captain Munro of His Majesty's 78th Regiment, who had been appointed to act as Brigade Major, to assist Coll. Mc.Kenzie in conducting the details of the Troops under his Command, to draw the usual allowances annexed to that Post.

109th. The Commander in Chief having expressed it as his opinion that a Horse was indispensibly Necessary for all Adjutants to enable them to perform their duties in the Field of Exercise, we, in consequence granted to the Adjutants of Native Battalions, in addition to their Salary of 102 Rupees Pr. Month, the same Horse Allowance as is drawn by Adjutants of European Corps.

Grenadier Sepoy (Bengal)

Appointments

110th. In consequence of the departure for Europe of Doctor F. Balfour
Consn. 8th Jany. No. 3 we have appointed Mr. Thomas Phillips who was the Senior Surgeon on the List without an Hospital, to the Charge of a General Hospital.

111th. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we appointed
Consn. 2nd Feb. No. 7 Major Thomas Alcock who held the post of Deputy Adjutant General, Deputy Quarter Master General, Vice Lieutenant Coll. J. Pringle, and Captain John Darby Deputy Adjutant General, with the Official Rank of Major, Vice Major Alcock.

112th. In consequence of the return of the Governor General to the Presidency we annulled the appointment of Private
Consn. 2nd March Secretary and Aides-de Camp to the Vice President and Deputy Governor held by Captains H. F. Calcraft and William Sandys.

113th. Captain William Sandys has been appointed Agent of Stores,
Consn. 5th March and Captain H. F. Calcraft Town and Fort Major of Fort William, Vice Lieutenant Colonel Collins.

114th. We have appointed Captain Sir George Leith regulating Officer
Consn. 5th March of the Calcutta European Militia Vice Lieutenant G. Cornish gone to Europe.

115th. We have also Nominated Captain Ulysses Brown Adjutant to the
Consn. 5th March Corps of Calcutta Native Militia Vice Captain Sandys resigned.

Furloughs

116. The following Officers and Surgeons have had permission to proceed to Europe.

5th Jany. 1798	Captain J. Hunter and allowed to embark at Fort St. George.
Do. Do.	Lieutenant Colonel James Pringle for the recovery of his health.
12th January.	Brevet Captain S. Denny for the recovery of his health.
Do. Do.	Captain W. Dick for the recovery of his health.
Do. Do.	Brevet Captain W. Mayberry for the recovery of his health since dead.

117th. We have permitted Mr. William Gardiner Deputy Commissary
Cons. 30th Jany. Nos. 6 to 10 of Ordnance to retire from the Service upon the pay of his Station.

30th. Jany.	Lieutenant J. Jollie for the recovery of his health.

118th. In consequence of a representation from Lieutenant John Stuart of the Madras Establishment now in Bengal setting forth the bad state of his health which by a Certificate from the Hospital Board, required his immediate departure for Europe, we were induced to permit him to proceed direct from hence, without waiting the result of an application to the Government of Fort St. George.

Consn. 2nd Feby. No. 23 to 26

119th. As Lieutenant Stuart produced the prescribed affidavit Respecting the amount of this [*sic*] property, we permitted him to draw the Passage Money of his Rank and Six Months pay in advance to enable him to prepare for the Voyage of which we have informed the Government of Fort St. George who no doubt will forward such Certificates to your Hon'ble Court as will enable you to grant on Lieutenant Stuart in England such pay as may become due to him.

120th. We have permitted Major General G. Johnston to proceed to Europe.

Consn. 16th Feby. No. 32 & 33

121st. Lieutenant Foster Maynard of Artillery has obtained our permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of His health.

23rd Feby.

122d. Major John Garstin of Engineers has had our permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Consn. 5th March Nos. 10 & 11

Military Board, Buildings &ca.

123d. The Military Board having laid before us a Survey Report of the Public Buildings at the Station of Futty Ghur, with Estimates of the Expence of repairing them, We at their recommendation authorized the Repairs to be made limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 11,067-5-6 the estimated amount.

Consn. 1st Jany. Nos. 24 to 26

124th. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we likewise authorized the purchase of some ground and Buildings at the Station of Cawnpore for the purpose of accomplishing the enlargement of the European Barracks there, at the Expence of Lucknow Sicca Rupees 6,900 the valuation fixed by a Committee of Officers.

Consn. 1st Jany. Nos. 32 to 35

125th. For the particular Circumstances which induced the Military Board to recommend this purchase, We beg leave to refer you to a Letter from Major General Sir J. Craig Commanding at the Station, recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date.

Consn. 1st Jany.

126th. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the erection of an additional Necessary for the use of the Men in the Hospital at Cawnpore, and the making a Drain at the Expence of St. Rs. 1,305-1-4—the estimated Amount.

Consn. 8th Jany. No. 15 to 17

127th. The Military Board having laid before us an annual Survey Report on the Public Buildings at Cawnpore, with Estimates of the probable Expence of repairing them, We authorized the necessary Repairs, Confining the Expence to Sa. Rs. 20,133-1-11 the estimated amount.

Consn. 16th Jany. Nos. 10 to 12

128th. We also authorized the making up of two Carts for the use of the Barrack Master at Dinapore at 120 Sa. Rs. each.

Consn. 2nd Feby. No. 19

129th. The Military Board pointed out to us a mistake that had been made in adjusting the Rates at which accoutrements were to be charged, and Submitted at the same time a Letter from the Acting Agent of Supplies stating the great loss sustained by the Agent from accidents; unskilfulness of workmen; rejections by Committees; the Interest of Money paid on account of the purchase of the Skins which remain on hands, some times Six and Seven Months; and also the Charges of the Carriage of the Skins into Fort William, and from thence to the Houses of the Chucklers; the pay of Overseers; the advances that are necessarily made to the work people; and his not receiving the original Cost of the Skins and the advances until the accoutrements are surveyed and approved by Committees.

Consn. 6th Feby. Nos. 6 to 8

130th. The Military Board having represented that on a full investigation of the Several Grounds of the acting Agents representation, they appeared to them well founded and having recommended that an allowance equal to 10 Pr. Cent on the original Cost of the Leathern parts of Accoutrements made either of Mr. Harvey's Leather or Corah Buffaloe Hides should be granted to the Agent of Supplies as an Indemnification for wastage in Cutting &ca. We gave our Sanction to this allowance, and at the same time adopted a Corrected Statement of the Rates at which the Accoutrements are in future to be charged.

131st. We have authorized the Repair of the Public Buildings at Mongheer, and the removal of some Old Buildings, that were represented by the Military Board to be irreparable and useless, at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 2,500 and also the Rebuilding the necessaries in the Cunettes and new flooring the necessaries of the Infantry Barracks at Fort William, with Chunar Stone, limiting the Expence of the former to Sa. Rs. 1,863, and that of the latter to Sicca Rupees 887-8.

Consn. 6th Feby. Nso. 9 & 10

Consn. 5th Feby. Nos. 11 to 14

132d. The Military Board submitted to us the Barrack Masters Estimates for painting Several of the Buildings in Fort William, and recommended that the Work might be Sanctioned at the Expence of Sicca Rupees 17,547-3-10 but in consideration of the present State of our Finances We thought it proper to postpone the Works until next Season.

133d. On our proceedings of the 1st January is recorded an Extract of a Letter from Mr. Pudner, Deputy Commissary of Ordnance at Fort Marlbro', soliciting that he might be relieved from that Station, as during four years Service there, he had not enjoyed one Months uninterrupted health.

134th. This application was laid before us by the Military Board, with a request that they might be permitted to employ an Artillery Officer in the Ordnance Department, and on Supposition of their application being complied with, they passed a Resolution appointing Lieutenant Fireworker Beaghan then under orders to embark for Bencoolen with a Detachment "eventually" to take charge of the Magazine, and to act as Deputy Commissary of Ordnance there, "should Mr. Pudner avail himself of permission to return to Bengal."

135th. From the Tenor of Mr. Pudner's Letter, we had every reason to Suppose that he had not any wish or intention to return to Bencoolen, in the event of his being relieved but on the Contrary Strongly Solicited his being relieved altogether on the Ground of Continual Ill health we therefore thought proper to Comply fully with his request both from humanity as well as on public principle. We accordingly appointed Lieutenant Fireworker Beaghan, the officer recommended by the Military Board, to be Deputy Commissary of Ordnance at Bencoolen, and to take charge of the Magazine on his arrival in order that Mr. Pudner might be enabled to come to Bengal.

Consn. 9th Feby. Nos. 4 to 9

136. In reply to this resolution we received from the Military Board a Minute expressing their apprehensions that there had been some Official error in wording the Resolution of Council appointing Lieutenant Beaghan Deputy Commissary of Ordnance at Fort Marlbro', and requesting an Explanation of it. They at the same time observed that they were led to form this Opinion from the appointment from the Vice President in Council being full, and to the exclusion of the Officer already in possession and for whom leave of absence on account of health only was Solicited, and against whom not the most distant Complaint has ever reached them; and further because the nomination direct from the Vice President in Council, was to the exclusion of the Patronage of their Board, a previledge which they conceived themselves entitled to from prescription and existing Regulations.

137th. The Military Board also transmitted a Copy of the 2d Article of the 1st part of the 4th Section of the Regulations for the Military Board, under date the 28th October 1775, in Support of their Opinion.

138th. The Proceedings of the Military Board respecting the filling up of Vacancies in the Offices in the Department under their Superintendance had frequently attracted our Notice, although the irregularity of them did not appear to have been ever Officially pointed out to that Board; and we could only ascribe the omission to the Nature and extent of the Powers

respecting appointments with which the Military Board Supposed themselves vested, having never until the present occasion been explicitly stated to Government.

139th. Your Hon'ble Court will perceive from their Minute that the Military Board considered themselves vested with the absolute disposal of all appointments in the Ordnance Department, independent of the Government.

140th. For our Sentiments on this as it appeared to us a very extraordinary Claim and the Ground of our Decision that the appointments in the Ordnance Department, as well as every other branch of the Service did of right rest Solely with Government, We beg leave to refer you to our Minute recorded on our Proceedings of the 9th February.

141st. With regard to the appointment of Lieutenant Beaghan having been made permanent instead of temporary we have only to observe that it was made in that manner from it appearing to us to be the wish of Mr. Pudner to be relieved altogether from the Station of Bencoolen on account of his health but independent of this Ground it is to be observed that there are evident objections to a provisional appointment in Cases like the one in Question.

142d. We had before us at the same time a Minute of the Quarter Master General's forwarded to us by the Military Board, Complaining of Colonel Hussey's having been nominated to a Seat at the Military Board, and to act as Vice President until the arrival of Major General Deare, and requesting that he might either be gratified for his Services at the Military Board with the honorary Seat of Senior Member, or that we would grant such Salaries to the Members of the Board, as might be deemed a just reward for their labours.

143d. Your Hon'ble Court have already been informed of the Temporary Appointment of Colonel Hussey to preside at the Military Board, which we deemed a necessary Consequence of the modification of the Constitution of that Board proposed by the Governor General and adopted on the 9th of June last, as communicated in the 96th Paragraph of our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 28th August last. No Imputation therefore could have been intended by it on the Conduct of the Quarter Master General, and Consequently his Minute could only be considered as having reference to the principle of the arrangement, to which it was foreign to his duty to object, and we deemed his Minute the more objectionable from the improper application which it conveyed for Salaries being allowed to the Members of the Military Board.

144th. We at the same time thought it proper to inform the Military Board, that we considered the Quarter Master General's attendance at that Board, as a part of his Official Duty, equally with any other Service which he is bound to perform in Vitrue of his appointment; and that we could not admit that he was entitled to any addition to the allowances already annexed

to it. We added, that we deemed this observation equally applicable to the other Members of the Board.

Cons. 20th Feb.
Nos. 17 & 18

145th. The Military Board laid before us their Proceedings upon the annual Survey Report of the Works, and Public Buildings in Fort William, accompanied by Estimates of the Expence of the alterations, additions and Repairs, recommended by the Committee of Survey.

146. In these Proceedings the Works are classed in Conformity to our standing orders, and as those specified in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 15 came under the description of the 1st Class, being such as are deemed indispensibly necessary, we adopted the recommendation of the Military Board, and authorized these Works, limiting the Expence to the Amount of the Estimates.

Nos.	Rs. As. P.
2	22,994- 0-0
5	600- 0-0
6	799- 9-0
7	799- 9-0
8	1,095-15-9
9	6,533-14-6
10	1,095-15-9
11	1,009- 6-0
12	10,957- 0-0
15	2,372- 0-0
Total	48,257- 6-0

Exclusive of the Expence of Tiles for No. 2.

147. As we considered the Work No. 2 (the Flewing of the Barracks of the European Infantry with Chunar Stone) though not comprehended in the 1st Class, to be of great importance, as calculated for the preservation of the health of the Soldiery, we authorized the execution of it, and directed that the Flews in the interim should be covered with Tiles or Bricks, until the Stones required for that purpose can be procured.

Consn. 23d Feby.
No. 15

148. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the making up of six Wooden Horses for the Magazine at Dacca at 17 Sa. Rs. each.

Consn. 13th March
No. 23

149. Having furnished the Military Board with an Extract from your Commercial Letter of the 30th June last, respecting the Guns that were lent to the Lord Thurlow, they acquainted us, that the further use of these guns was granted for the protection of the Lord Thurlow, on her homeward bound Voyage.

Consn. 13th March
Nos. 26 to 29

150. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Construction of a Bungalow and Offices for the Quarter Master Serjeant of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, the expence not to exceed Sa. Rs. 523-3.

Consn. 13 March
No. 37 to 46

151. On our Consultation of the annexed Date, is recorded the Proceedings of the Military Board on the proposed permanent Cantonments at Cawnpore for a Regiment of European Dragoons, accompained by Estimates of the Expence of the Buildings, amounting in the whole to Sonat Rupees 1,27,391-5-8.

152. These Papers were forwarded from the Secret Department on the 30th January to the Governor General at Lucknow, for reasons which will be stated to you in the Secret Department.

153. The Governor-General directed the Resident at Lucknow to make the necessary advances to the Deputy Quarter Master General.

Hospital Board

Consn. 2d March No. 11

154. By the Britannia, we forwarded to your Hon'ble Court the Proceedings of the Medical Board, from the 25th January to the 16th December 1797.

Military Auditor General

Consn. 13th Feby. No. 8 & 9

155. The Military Auditor General submitted to us Several questions regarding the allowances to be paid to the Detachments of the Royal Artillery 71st and 72d Regiments sent round from Fort St. George, with a view to be accommodated with Passages from hence to the Cape of Good Hope and England.

156. As a Pagoda a day Diet Money for each of the Officers of these Detachments during their Passage to Bengal, had been paid by us at the request of the Government of Fort St. George, we resolved that half Batta should be allowed them during that time, and the same Batta whilst in Fort William, as the Troops stationed there.

157. The Paymasters with these Troops having accounts to render of the payments made to them here, we also authorized a Staff allowance of Sonat Rupees 78-10 a Month, to each of the Paymasters belonging to the Detachments of the 71st and 72d Regiments, being the same as is given to the Paymasters of His Majesty's Infantry Regiments Serving under this Presidency; and an allowance equal to 10 Pagodas a Month to the Paymaster of the Royal Artillery, being the same as he received at Fort St. George.

158. The Surgeons attached to these Troops claimed an allowance of one Pagoda a Month, for each man according to the Madras Regulations when the Sick are not in the General Hospital. This Sum we granted during their Passage to Bengal, but as we were of Opinion that the Sick during the Stay of the Detachments here, would be better taken care of in the General Hospital, than by any other mode, we gave orders accordingly and allowed to the Surgeons a portion of the Medicine Money given to Surgeons of this Establishment, according to the Strength of the Detachment.

159. These Detachments will be accommodated with Passages (the Artillery to the Cape, and the Infantry to England) on board of your Ships that are now under dispatch.

160. The Military Auditor General laid before us a Letter from Captains Mackenzie and Emerson the former Senior Officer of the Detachment of His Majesty's 71st and the latter Senior Officer of the 72d Regiment claiming full Batta on the grounds of their being Detached from Pondamallee and Wallijabad and therefore on actual Service.

Consn. 2d March No. 1 & 2

161. These Officers also claimed the Superior Batta allowed by the Regulations of this Presidency to Officers in the actual Command of European Regiments or Battalions of Native Infantry.

162. With regard to the first Claim we deemed it inadmissible one of these Officers having under his Command only a few Commissioned Officers and *three* Non Commissioned Officers, and the other, exclusive of the Commissioned Officers, only a portion of the Non Commissioned and a few Invalids of the Regiment after being drafted, and the whole of these detachments having been sent to Bengal Solely for the purpose of being provided with passages to Europe and Consequently not entitled to be Considered as detached upon actual Service.

163. Their claim to superior Batta as Commanding Corps appeared to us still less admissible and we consequently rejected it.

164. The Military Auditor General at the same time informed us that Captain Emerson had forwarded to him an abstract for an advance of Six Months King's Pay for himself and the Men of the 72d Regiment under his Command, to be paid previous to their Embarkation for Europe and requested as a former Resolution passed by us on an application from Lieuten[n]t Dormer, of the 52d Regiment for a Similar advance to be allowed him, was confined to that particular case, to be informed whether such advances were to be authorized to the Officers and Men of His Majesty's Regiments now under orders of Embarkation for Europe.

165. On the supposition that the Company by the late Act of Parliament are bound to pay the whole Expences that may be incurred for the maintenance of his Majesty's Regiments as long as they Continue on the Indian Establishment we authorized the Payment of these advances, with a View to enable both Officers and Men to prepare themselves for the Voyage.

166. We avail ourselves of this opportunity of requesting to be informed whether your Hon'ble Court under the Act of Parliament above referred to, are to defray the expences of arms Accoutrements Saddles, or appointments that may be required for any of His Majesty's Regiments Serving in India, or whether such of these Articles as may be supplied by us are to be charged to the Crown.

167. The Military Auditor General laid before us an application from Mrs Pechi, the Widow of the late Captain James Pechi of this Establishment Soliciting to be admitted to the benefits of Lord Clive's Fund from the

period when she became a Widow, which we beg leave to recommend to your favorable consideration.

168. Mrs. Pechi's Original affidavit respecting the amount of her late Husband's property goes a No. in the Packet, in conformity to your orders contained in the 151st Paragraph of your Letter of the 5th July last.

Miscellanea

169. The Governor of St. Helena forwarded to us Several Articles of Complaint preferred to him by Mr. J. Birch Chief Officer of the Britannia against Mr. Jacob Carruthers a passenger on board that Ship and a Cadet for this Establishment. As the Complaints were drawn up in general terms Mr. Birch at our desire stated in writing the particular Instances of Misconduct alledged by him against Mr. Carruthers.

170. The charges were referred to a Court of Enquiry whose proceedings are recorded in our Consultation of the 6th February.

Consn. 6th Feby. Nos. 37 to 43

171. We were doubtful whether Mr. Carruthers was amenable to the Jurisdiction of a General Court Martial for offences Committed on his passage from England to India before he was in the receipt of pay as a Cadet, but had no hesitation in determining that there was Sufficient Evidence of Mr. Carruther's Conduct on board of the Britannia having been such as would render his admission into your Service highly improper, and We therefore resolved that Mr. Carruthers should be sent to Europe in conformity to your orders of the 17th of March 1769.

172. In the 177th paragraph of our Letter of the 28th August last we acquainted you that we had called upon the Securities of the late Mr. Paymaster Smith for the Sum due by him to the Company.

173. Your Attorney having subsequently agreeably to our Orders Commenced a Suit against them, Major Carnegie the only Security now in this Country addressed a letter to us requesting on the grounds of his inability to discharge the demand, that He might be allowed to liquidate it by Monthly Instalments equal to half his pay and Batta.

174. From a Consideration of Major Carnegie's Circumstances, and with a View to the more Speedy recovery of the balance, we furnished the Advocate General with the Correspondence between Major Carnegie and Mr. Jackson and also Mr. Jackson's letter to us, recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, and desired him to state whether, in the event of our calling upon Major Carnegie for one half of the balance due, the claim on the other security Major William Rattray who is now in England for the remaining half or Eventually for the whole amount would be weakened.

Consn. 13th Feby. Nos. 45 to 47 & 48

175. The opinion of the Advocate General being in the negative we agreed that Major Carnegie should be called upon to pay a Moiety of

the amount due to the Company by Mr. Smith's securities, in the manner and on the Conditions specified in the 2d Paragraph of the Advocate General's letter and that you should be requested to require payment of the remaining Moiety, from Major Rattray, but we at the same time informed Major Carnegie that he was not to consider your Hon'ble Court bound to resort to any legal Proceedings against Major Rattray in England, in Case he should decline to comply with your requisition.

176. We have given directions for receiving Monthly the half of Major Carnegies's pay and Batta to commence from the 1st of March in part liquidation of the amount due by the securities.

177. By the Britannia we forwarded to you a Copy of a Letter from the Surveyor General recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, together with the case mentioned therein.

Consn. 2d March No. 12

178. Mr. William Russell lately arrived here from England laid before us an Affidavit Setting forth that he had been appointed by your Hon'ble Court, some time in the Month of April last an Assistant Surgeon for Bengal, and at the same time informed us that he had left his Counterpart Covenant in England, not knowing that it was necessary to bring it with him.

Consn. 2d March No. 13 & 14

179. As it appears by the Letter from your Hon'ble Court dated, the 19th of April last, that a William Russell had been appointed by you an Assistant Surgeon for Bengal, and the name of William Russell also appearing in the List of Assistant Surgeons for the Season 1796, we have admitted Mr. Russell into the Service.

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
13th March 1798.
[Original per *Phoenix*
Duplicate per *Hawke*]

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LETTER DATED 15 MAY 1798

Survey plans exchange between Governments of Fort St. George and Fort William—full batta *for Madras officers on Manila expedition—allowances of surgeons of King's regiments—question of passage money—fixation of seniority of cadets and surgeons—allowances in respect of leave vacancies—appointments, resignations and furlough—old and new military buildings—Orphan School boys to work as compounders at Fort Marlbros'—question of pay on retirement after furlough.*

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1st. Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 13th of March. We have now the honor to forward a Copy of that Address with our Proceedings to the 15th of May, the date of this Letter.

Fort St. George

Consn. 20th March No. 2 & 3

2d. With a view of promoting the progress of Geographical knowledge We at the request of the Government of Fort St. George authorized our Surveyor General and Captain McKenzie of that Establishment to communicate to each other all Plans and Surveys, for which they might respectively have occasion; We desired however that the Correspondence of these Officers might be conducted through the Channel of the respective Governments agreeably to the practice established with regard to the Correspondence carried on between the Military Boards at the different Presidencies.

3d. The Government of Fort St. George transmitted to us a Minute of the Commander in Chief at that Presidency respecting the difference in the allowances granted to the Officers who embarked from Bengal on the Intended Expedition against Manilla, and those who proceeded from Madras.

4th. The attention of the Government of Fort St. George was drawn to this Subject by an Address from Lieutenant Colonel Shaw, the Senior Officer in Command of the 74th Regiment, Stating, that the Bengal Officers had been in the receipt of full Batta and Two Rupees per day each for Diet and Table Money, whilst those from the Coast were allowed only half Batta.

5th. The Government of Fort St. George at the same time forwarded to us a Copy of an Application from the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the King's Regiments for an increase of subsistence in Consequence of a Warrant from His Majesty, and requested our Orders thereon for their guidance.

6th. We thought it proper to refer these Papers, with the Military Auditor General's Report on them, to the Commander in Chief for his opinion on the Several points in reference.

Consn. 27th March No. 11

7th. The Commander in Chief's Minute on the Subject, to which we beg leave to refer you, is recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date; concurring entirely in his Sentiments, we recommended to the Government of Fort St. George to put the Officers who embarked on the intended Expedition, from that Presidency, on the same footing with respect to Batta and Diet Money.

as those who proceeded from Bengal, and to adopt the Regulations of this Presidency, generally, upon all similar occasions in future.

8th. From the Military Auditor General's report of the 13th February, you will observe that the adoption of this Rule will only occasion an increase of Expence in a Regiment of the Strength of the 33d of Sonaut Rupees 1,368, for a Month of 30 days.

Consn. 27 March

9th. We also resolved that Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the King's Regiment of Cavalry and Infantry Serving under this Presidency shall receive Subsistence according to the Regulations Specified in His Majesty's Warrant dated 30th November 1796, and we in consequence directed the Military Auditor General to prepare a New Table converting the Subsistence into Bengal Currency at the fixt rate of Exchange Vizt. 2s/6d the Sonaut Rupee, adding thereto such a portion of the Company's allowances as will put them on a footing in respect to the aggregate Amount of their Monthly Pay and allowances, with Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons in your Service, at the same Stations respectively. This Arrangement will not occasion any additional Expence.

10th. We recommended the adoption of the same rule to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay.

11th. The Military Auditor General having in consequence, of the above determination, furnished the Table of difference between the King's and Company's Pay to Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of Cavalry and Infantry, the King's Pay being stated according to the Regulations in His Majesty's Warrant, We published a Copy of the Warrant and Table in General Orders, and directed that the allowances at present received by the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons of the King's Regiments, under the Denomination of difference between King's and Company's Pay, should be discontinued from the 1st of April.

Consn. 6th April
No. 7 & 8

12th. The annual allowance of 120£ to King's Surgeons having been abolished, by the adoption of the foregoing Regulations, we granted to the Surgeons of His Majesty's Infantry Regiments, the same Medicine Money as is established for a Regiment of European Infantry in your Service.

Military Auditor General

13th. The Military Auditor General having submitted for our decision a Bill drawn by Captain Smales Commander of your Ship the Lord Walsingham for the Passage and feeding of Nineteen Recruits from the Cape of Good Hope to Fort William we found on reference to the Charter Party Agreement of that Ship that the Sum of 14£ is allowed for each Soldier from England to India and 15d a day for Victualling them in Port, and that £8-15s is allowed for each Soldier from England to St. Helena, but that no allowance

Consn. 20th March
No. 10

is specified for the Passage of Soldiers either from St. Helena or the Cape to India.

14th. Under these Circumstances and as we had formerly granted £6-10s for the passage of each of the Recruits brought from the Cape, we authorized the Military Auditor General to pass Captain Smales Bill at that rate, and to allow 15d a day for Victualling each Recruit in Port in conformity to the Terms of his Charter Party Agreement.

Consn. 10th April No. 13 & 14

15th. Captain Emerson of His Majesty's 72d Regiment, having been ordered home in consequence of that Regiment's being drafted, he applied to us for permission to draw a Sum equal to that allowed for Charter Party Passengers for Mrs. Emerson and his three Children, to assist him in procuring Comfortable accommodations for them during the Voyage.

16th. Captain Emerson had previously Solicited us to pay the full Expence of providing Passages for his family. With this Solicitation we did not think it proper to comply, but as it appeared that Captain Emerson would have been Subjected to great distress by being compelled to defray the whole of the Expence attending the Conveyance of his Family to England, and as it is usual for the Wives and Children of European Non Commissioned and Private Soldiers to be sent home as Charter Party Passengers, We on these grounds, as well as from our having been informed by the Commander in Chief that it is Customary in His Majesty's Service to accommodate the Wives and Families of Officers on board of Transports, at the Public Expence, resolved to permit Captain Emerson to draw a Sum equal to the Charter Party Passage Money for his Wife and Children.

Consn. 17th April

17th. For the same reasons we permitted Captain Mc.Kenzie of the 71st. and Lieutenant Short of the 36th Regiment to draw Charter Party Passage Money for Mrs. Mc.Kenzie and Mrs. Short.

Military Arrangements

Consn. 3d April No. 2

18th. The Commander in Chief in a Minute recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, stated to us that in a general promotion by Brevet which took place in His Majesty's Army on the 26th of January 1797, some of the Company's Officers, who from the dates of their Commissions are entitled to be Comprehended in it, had been omitted.

19th. The Commander in Chief observed that this omission had probably originated in the War Office not having been furnished with lists of the Company's Officers; and in order to prevent any injury arising from it either to the Public Service, or to the Officers who had been left out of the promotion, he proposed to take upon himself to remedy the Omission by granting Brevet Rank, until His Majesty's pleasure shall be known to

such of the Officers as ought to have been included in the promotion above-mentioned and who would Suffer any Serious inconvenience from the delay.

20th. Concurring Entirely on the propriety of the Commander in Chief's Suggestion, we accordingly gave our Sanction to the promotion of Captain A. Glass of the Bengal Artillery and Captain Howley of the Madras Artillery to the Rank of Majors by Brevet, these Officers having been omitted in His Majesty's promotion.

Consn. 6th April No. 1 & 2

21st. The Cadets mentioned in the Two Lists of the Season 1795, received from your Hon'ble Court being entitled to Commissions, and as some of those whose Names are inserted in the List last received, held Commissions in His Majesty's Service it became necessary to determine whether the two Lists were to be kept entirely distinct, or whether such of the Cadets in the list last received as held Commissions in His Majesty's Service should rank above all those in the first List who had not held such Commissions.

22d. On reference to Mr. Secretary Ramsay's Letter dated the 2d March 1797, on the Subject of these two lists of Cadets, it appeared to us to have been the intention of your Hon'ble Court that the two Lists should be kept entirely distinct from one another, and that any Cadets in the list last received, who held Commissions in His Majesty's Service, should not in consequence have any claim to rank above those Cadets in the first List who held no such Commissions; We therefore requested the Commander in Chief to furnish a List of their Names drawn out Conformably to the above construction of your orders, that dates of Rank might be assigned, and Commissions issued to them.

Consn. 6th April

23d. Mr. White, Cadet laid before us a Commission held by him as Ensign in the Tower Hamlet Militia, with a View of obtaining rank above the Cadets of the same season as himself who did not hold Commissions in His Majesty's Service, We observed that the Commission was dated the 1st day of June 1797; and as the Certificate of Mr. White's appointment of Cadet is dated the 24th of the same Month, it appeared probable that he had never joined or done duty with the Regiment, and Consequently, that he could have no claim to the usual precedence of Rank given to Cadets having held Commissions in His Majesty's Service.

24th. We therefore in the first instance desired the Adjutant General to call on Mr. White to declare whether or not he joined the Regiment, and if his answer should be in the affirmative, to State, whether he did duty & for what period.

25th. Being persuaded that it could not have been the intention of your Hon'ble Court to grant precedence of Rank to Cadets who might obtain Commissions immediately before their embarkation for this Country, without ever joining or doing duty with their Regiments, but merely for the

purpose of giving them Rank above other Cadets who might not be in possession of such Commissions, we request that should your Hon'ble Court still deem it right to allow such precedence of Rank, the indulgence may be confined to such Cadets, as have not only procured Commissions, but have joined their Regiments and done duty for a given time.

Consn. 17th April No. 10 to 12

26th. Mr. White in his reply having stated that he had joined and did Duty with the Tower Hamlet Regiment of Militia from the 1st of June to the 31st of July 1797, we in consequence agreed to allow him the usual precedence of the Cadets of the same season who never held Commissions in his Majesty's Service.

Consn. 20th April No. 3 to 5

27th. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a report from the Adjutant General on the List of Surgeons, as adjusted by the order contained in your Letter of the 5th of July last; This arrangement has been productive of the following Effects.

1st. Several Gentlemen who were only Assistant Surgeons, are placed above others who had obtained the Rank of full Surgeon.

2d. By reversing the order in which some of those, who are full Surgeons, as well as those who are Assistants, now stands, the Dates of Rank which have been assigned to them respectively have become erroneous, and Consequently the Commissions which had been issued to them were also erroneous.

28th. Considering the arrangement with respect to the Medical Gentlemen prescribed in your Letter above quoted, to have been intended by you to be permanent, and observing that those Assistant Surgeons who by that Arrangement are placed above Gentlemen who had already attained the Rank of full Surgeon, would, if not promoted, be subjected to Supercession by meeting on duty or by being attached to the same Regiment with Full Surgeons, above whom your Hon'ble Court have determined it to be their right to be placed; and as the Junior part of the Supernumerary Surgeons could be attached to Battalions of Sepoys, or employed in other Situations, where their Services might be wanted, we from these Considerations, and with a View to carry into effect the intention of your Hon'ble Court by enabling the Individuals to do duty with one another according to the relative Situations in which you have placed them, have resolved that such of the Assistant Surgeons as by the late arrangement are placed above Mr. William Cook, the youngest full Surgeons, be promoted to the Rank of full Surgeons.

29th. We however thought it proper to declare in public orders, that although this promotion will occasion a temporary excess in the establishment of full Surgeons, it is not intended to make any alteration in the Established number of full Surgeons.

30th. We also resolved that those Surgeons when promoted should be appointed to Situations of Full Surgeons, in preference to their Juniors. From this rule however we Expected the full Surgeons who might be attached to Civil Stations where Assistants are allowed, and who might choose to remain at these Stations until their Services should be called for in the Army; We also determined that the Surgeons so promoted should receive the Pay and allowances of Full Surgeons from the date of our Resolutions.

Consn. 20th April No. 3 to 5

31st. We further resolved that the alterations which became necessary in consequence of this arrangement in the dates of rank of the full Surgeons formerly promoted, should not entitle them to Pay and Allowances from an earlier period than that from which they have already received Pay &ca. as full Surgeons.

32d. The Commander in Chief represented to us, that Cases some times occurred in which it appeared proper to grant the allowances annexed to the same Staff Appointment for two Officers and that it would be adviseable, with a View to prevent trouble to the Office of the Military Auditor General, as well as references to himself that some Rules should be laid down and published to the Army defining the Situations when certain parts of such allowances may be twice drawn, and the Specific allowances which the established and acting Officer should receive.

Consn. 1st May No. 5.

33d. That such double payments might be reduced as far as is practicable we at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief adopted the following Regulations which we trust will meet with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

1st. "In cases of the absence of Staff Officers by permission on account of health or Private affairs, the allowances annexed to the Staff Situation are to be drawn by one Officer only."

2d. "When an Officer is appointed to Succeed to a Vacant Staff Situation, and is not present to assume the duties of it, and another Officer is appointed to act, such newly appointed Officer shall not receive any part of the allowances until he shall join, excepting the Pay, Batta, and Gratuity, and Tent Allowance of his Official Rank, the other allowances, as detailed in the following Article are to be received by the Officer who shall be appointed to act and confirmed by the Commander in Chief".

3d. "When an Established Staff Officer is unavoidably absent on duty either for the purpose of relief or otherwise, and an Officer, is appointed to act, and confirmed by the Commander in Chief, such absent Staff Officer shall receive all the allowances of his Situations excepting those intended to defray the expences of the Office, Vizt., allowances for Writers, Stationary and Candles. The Acting Staff Officer is to receive only Pay, Batta and Gratuity, and Tent Allowance (if entitled to the latter) of his Rank,

the Staff and Horse allowance annexed to the Situation, and allowances which may have been established for defraying the Expences of the Office, Vizt. Writers, Stationary and Candles. The allowance for an Office Tent where one is granted is to be drawn by the established Staff, & if the Acting Staff is in Camp, a Tent is to be Supplied from the Public Stores."

Consn. 4th May No. 4 to 39.

34th. Our attention having been drawn to a Letter under the Signature of "Mentor", inserted in a News paper called the Telegraph, of the 17th of March last, we considered it a Duty incumbent on us to take measures for discovering the author of that Letter; and it was with concern we found it to have been written by an Officer in the Hon'ble Company's Army Vizt. Captain Thomas George Williamson.

Consn. 4th May No.[4 to 39]

35th. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the annexed date for Copies of the Letter signed Mentor, and of the Correspondence which passed discovering the author, together with our Resolutions at large on the Subject, and shall only observe in this place, that we considered the Conduct of Captain Williamson not only highly Criminal, but of so dangerous a tendency as to call for the interposition of our immediate authority for the punishment of it, and we accordingly resolved, that Captain Williamson should be suspended from the Service of the Company until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court should be known.

36th. Captain Williamson having been Stationed at Chunar, we deemed it proper to order him to proceed to the Presidency.

Furlough & Resignations

37th. We have permitted the following Officers and Surgeons to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

20th March — Mr. Z. Phillips surgeon for the recovery of his health.

Do. Do. — Mr. Nicholas Fontana, Assistant Surgeon for the Adjustment of his private Concerns.

27th March — We have permitted Ensign W. Berisford to resign your Service at his own request.

3rd April — Brevet Captain George Welsh of the Cavalry has obtained our permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope and eventually to Europe for the recovery of his health.

38th. Captain Welsh having Submitted to us a question whether he was entitled to Cavalry pay during his absence on Furlough, we concurred in the opinion of the Commander in Chief that Cavalry Officers whilst in the Service though on Furlough should Continue to receive the pay of that branch of the Service to which they are attached, and we trust that this Opinion will accord with that of your Hon'ble Court.

38th. A. Lieutenant W. Dickson for the recovery of his health.
13th April

20th April Lieutenant L. H. French for the recovery of his health.

Appointments

39th. We have appointed Captain W. Griffiths of His Majesty's 27th Light Dragoons to be Regulating Officer of the Calcutta European Militia in the room of Captain Sir George Leith Baronet resigned.
20th March

40th. As the Fort of Allahabad is now Garrisoned by His Majesty's & the Company's Troops, it became necessary to appoint a Staff Officer to Assist in Conducting the details of Duty there, and to take Charge of the Barracks.
23d March
No. 1

41st. We accordingly nominated a Fort Adjutant and Barrack Master in one person, with the same Monthly Salary and Staff Allowances as are annexed to that Situation at Chunar Vizt. St. Rs. 309 including Staff pay to Serjeants.

42d. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we appointed Brevet Captain Whinyates who held the Post of Fort Adjutant and Barrack Master at Chunar to that Situation at Allahabad, and nominated Captain Whitewell Butler to Succeed Captain Whinyates at Chunar.

43d. We have appointed Captain Robert Davies Fort Adjutant of Fort William in the room of Captain W. Sandys resigned.

Military Board, Buildings, and Agencies

44th. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Letter from the Military Board on the Subject of the alarming Scarcity of Musquetry and small Arms in the different Magazines under this Presidency, to which we solicit your early & most serious attention.
Consn. 20th March
No. 19 & 20

45th. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized as an Experiment, the erection of a Conical Roof over one of the Charcoal Furnaces at the Powder Works. The object of this Work is to obviate the Danger to which the people who attend the Furnaces were exposed as well as to prevent accidents by Fire, from Sudden and Violent gusts of Wind upon the Furnaces. The expence of this Work is limited to 400 Rupees.
Consn. 20th March
No. 27 & 28

46th. The Military Board laid before us a Minute from the Chief Engineer on the subject of repairing the Parapet of the Curtain on each Side of the St. George's Gate in Fort William. The execution of this Work had been before recommended but we thought proper to postpone it from Considerations of economy. But as the Military Board subsequently represented to us that the Repairs were absolutely necessary and pointed out that a saving of
Consn. 20th March
No. 33 & 34

Expence would attend the performance of the Work at this time by making use of the Earth which had been excavated from the Charcoal Pitts in the Fort, we acquiesced in their recommendation and authorized the repairs limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 4,067.

47th. At the recommendation of the Military Board we also authorized the Building a Bungalow at Dinapore for the accommodation of the Barrack Master Serjeant, of the Station restricting the expence to Sa. Rs. 513-12. The Military Board at the same time stated the necessity of Repairing the Road leading from Dinapore to the Cavalry Cantonments at Moneah, and as we considered it of importance to keep the Communication open between these two Cantonments, we authorized the proposed repairs limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 2,284-12.

Consn. 20th March No. 35 to 40.

48th. The Military Board laid before us their Proceedings upon an Annual Survey Report of the State of the Public Buildings at Barrackpore accompanied by Estimates prepared by the Barrack Master at the Station of the probable Expence of repairing them.

Consn. 23d March No. 10 to 13.

49th. These Estimates amounted in the aggregate to Sa. Rs. 1,13,133-4-8 but as it appeared to the Military Board that new Roofing the Bungalows (a part of the work included in the Estimates,) was not absolutely necessary at present, they recommended that the Choppers should be repaired, and the new roofing postponed until another season. This alteration reduced the Total Expence of the Works proposed to be executed to St. Rs. 33,166-15-6 which we accordingly authorized.

50th. There being Quarters for two Field Officers only at Barrackpore exclusive of those appropriated for the Commanding Officer, the Military Board recommended the Construction of a Bungalow for a Field Officer on the Site of a Captain's Bungalow that had been destroyed some time ago by Lightning. We agreed to this recommendation, and authorized the disbursement of a Sum not exceeding Sicca Rs. 7,874-9-3 for the erection of the Bungalow.

Consn. 10th April No. 30 to 35

51st. At the recommendation of the Military Board, We authorized the purchase of a piece of Ground at Chittagong and the erecting the requisite buildings for the Troops stationed there at the Expence of 1,200 Rupees for the Ground and Sa. Rs. 2,422-10-6 for the Buildings.

Consn. 27th March No. 23 to 25

52d. The Military Board laid before us their proceedings on the Subject of certain Deficiencies of Stores in the Magazine at Monghyr on the demise of the late Deputy Commissary Mc.Cabe who had charge of the Stores at that Station, the value of which amounted to Sa. Rs. 3,245-8-9.

Consn. 27th March No. 28 &

53d. We immediately directed your Attorney to take Measures for the recovery of the above Sum from Major P. Mc.Dougall and J. Hutchinson the Executors of the Estate; and shall hereafter have the honor of Communicating to you the result of those Measures.

54th. The Military Board having represented to us that the cleaning and deepening the Tank to the Eastward of the Soldiers Barracks at the Station of Barrampore, was essentially necessary for the preservation of the health of the Soldiery, we authorized the work limiting the Expence to Sicca Rs. 8,000.

Consn. 27th March
No. 34 to 43

55th. In consequence of a representation from the Commissary of Stores that a quantity of Twine imported on the Hawke as Military Stores, was of a very inferior quality and too Coarse for the General purposes of the Arsenal, and as the Naval Storekeeper had also stated that from it's being of so bad a quality it could not be converted to any use in that Department we authorized the Sale of this Twine reserving only such part of it as would answer for the Arsenal.

Consn. 27th March
No. 56 to 59

56th. It appearing from the Butt (the Bank of an old Tank) at present in use at Dum Dum in proving Ordnance that much time and labour was requisite in digging out the Shot and that many of them were lost or broken, we at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the construction of a new Double Butt for that purpose at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 217.

Consn. 30th March
No. 2 to 29

57th. At the application of the Military Board, we authorized the repair of the Magazine at Midnapore limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 400.

Consn. 3d April
No. 38 to 41

58th. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we also granted to the Adjutant and Quarter Master at Midnapore the Monthly allowance of 100 Rupees for keeping the Lines at that Station (which were calculated for Twenty Companies) in repair, and also 40 Rs. for keeping the Public Buildings in repair.

59th. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Building of two Bungalows with Offices at Monlah, one for the Riding Master, the other for the Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant of the 4th Regiment of Native Cavalry, limiting the Expence of the former to Sa. Rs. 573-7-9 and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 930-2-9.

Consn. 24th April
No. 40 to 42

60th. The Military Board laid before us a Report from the Chief Engineer on Messrs. Lambert & Ross's Account Current for the Expence of Extra Work performed by them at the Cantonments at Dinapore and recommended that the Balance Sicca Rs. 11,269-6-4 according to the Chief Engineer's

Consn. 24th April
No. 44 to 48

Statement, should be paid to them and the account of Extra Work be finally closed; with this recommendation we judged it proper to comply, and we have the Satisfaction to observe that a deduction of Sicca Rs. 18,222-2-2 has been made from the Original Bill given in for this work.

61st. We have the honour to forward by this opportunity a Copy of a Letter from the Military Board with the Proceedings of that Board from the 1st November 1796 to the 31st July 1797.

Consn. 1st May No. 21.

62d. On our Proceedings of the 23d of March is recorded an address to the Commander in Chief from the Officers of His Majesty's 27th Light Dragoons, Soliciting that a Bungalow for the purpose of a Mess room might be allowed them at the Public expence.

63d. The Commander in Chief having expressed his conviction that Regimental Messes were not only Sources of Comfort and oeconomy to the Officers, but of Public advantage to the Regiment, and having accordingly offered it as his opinion that every encouragement should be offered to the Establishment of these Messes, we authorized the building of a Public Mess Room at Cawnpore for the use of the Officers of the 27th Dragoons, at an Expence (including an alteration Suggested by Sir James Craig) not exceeding Sicca Rupees 6,494-5-7½.

64th. We likewise authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board, the building of a Magazine at the Post of Jaunpore for lodging the Ammunition of the Corps stationed there, at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 517.

Consn. 1st May No. 29.

65th. The Military Board submitted to us their Proceedings relative to certain alterations that were deemed necessary to be made in the Camp Equipage furnished to Captains and Subalterns of European Corps and recommended that we should authorize the proposed alterations.

Consn. 1st May 98 No. 30 to 33.

66th. As the difference between the Expence of the proposed New Tents and those now in use amounted only to Sicca Rupees 76-1-9 for each Tent, and the difference of weight appearing to us of no importance when compared with the great additional Comfort which would be afforded to the Officers and as we considered it of importance in a Public point of View to grant to Officers of European Corps and other Officers not in the receipt of Tent allowance every indulgent accommodation in Camp Equipage Consistent with a due attention to public economy we authorized the adoption of the proposed alterations in future in making up whatever Tents may be required for Officers' of the above description.

67th. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we authorized the enclosing the new Burying Ground at the Station of Dinapore with a Wall limiting the expence to Sa. Rs. 4,243-3-2 the estimated amount.

Consn. 1st May No. 36 to 38

68th. We have authorized the following Alterations to the Commander in Chief's Bungalow at Barrackpore, and at the expence hereafter stated—A Pucka Varandah to the Southward Sa. Rs. 1,428, Glazing the Windows Sa. Rs. 1,200 and pulling down the Wooden Portico and building a Colonade Rs. 1,400.

Consn. 8th May No. 15 to 17.

69th. We also at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the Building of Lines for the Bhaugulpore Hill Rangers, at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 1,320, and also the removal of the Houses of the Hindostanies belonging to the Corps, at the Expence of Sa. Rs. 347.

Consn. 8th May No. 18 to 20.

70th. No Camp Equipage nor any Allowance in lieu of it having been established for the Riding Masters of the Regiments of Native Cavalry, we agreed at the Suggestion of the Military Board to allow them when not [non] Commissioned Officers 35 St. Rs. per Month each, for the purpose of providing, Carrying and pitching their Tents.

Consn. 8th May No. 21 to 23

71st. The Military Board having represented to us the propriety of building a Wall round the Burying Ground at Monghyr, we authorized the work restricting the Expence to the Amount of the Estimate, Vizt. Sa. Rs. 2,044-15-2.

Consn. 8th May No. 24 to 27.

72d. The Military Board having stated that the Desks and Chairs belonging to their Office, were old and irrepairable, we desired them to authorize their Secretary to purchase Thirteen New Teak Wood Desks, and Twenty four Chairs, restricting the expence of the former to Sa. Rs. 32 each, and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 4 each.

Consn. 8th May No. 28 & 29

73d. We have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet an Account received from the Military Board of Twenty new empty 100 lbs. Barrels supplied from the Arsenal to Captain John Dobree Commander of the Busbridge amounting to Sa. Rs. 174-13-9 that you may adjust the same with the owners of that Ship.

Consn. 11th May No. 30 to 31.

74th. The Field Officers Quarters at Berhampore having been damaged by Lightning we authorized the necessary Repairs to be made to them limiting the expence to Sicca Rupees 402-5 the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 11th May No. 32 & 33.

Hospital Board

75th. Having referred to the Hospital Board an application from Mr. Hartley Surgeon at Fort Marlbro' to send to that Residency two Boys from the Orphan School to be instructed in the Duties of Compounder in the Dispensary, they informed us that they entirely approved of Mr. Hartley's Proposal, and we have accordingly authorized them to apply to the General Management for the Boys.

76th. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Memorial addressed to your Hon'ble Court by Mr. Robert Wilson Assistant Surgeon, complaining of the effect of your Orders of the 5th of July 1797.

Consn. 27th March No. 66 to 68

77th. Another Memorial from several Surgeons complaining of being superceded by Mr. Bambridge is recorded on our Proceedings of the 24th of April.

Consn. 24th April No. 51 to 55

78th. We likewise transmit a Number in the Packet, a Copy of a Memorial from Mr. John Henderson, Surgeon, with the original Papers detailed in the List annexed to it, for your decision.

Consn. 8th May No. 38 to 40

79th. The Hospital Board laid before us a Copy of a Bill presented by Mr. Thomas White, Assistant Surgeon, for the Pay, Batta and Gratuity of his Rank, for having acted as Surgeon on Board of the Henry Dundas, during the Voyage from England to Bengal.

Consn. 8th May No. 36 & 37.

80th. We desired the Hospital Board to inform Mr. White, that we did not consider him as having any Claim upon the Company, on the above account, excepting for attendance on such of the Company's Recruits as were brought to Bengal on the Henry Dundas; and that for this Service he would receive the usual allowance of half a Guinea for each man landed, on producing the proper Certificate from the Town Major.

81st. In consequence of a further Representation from Mr. C. Wasmus we have been induced on the Grounds stated in the 14th Paragraph of our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 28th of April 1797, to permit Mr. Wasmus to continue to draw his allowances until he embarks for Europe, but in the event of his not embarking by the end of December next, We have given directions that these Allowances shall then be discontinued, and that a Monthly proportion of the Pension of 300£ a Year shall be paid to him at the Established Exchange of 2s/6d the Sonaut Rupee, deducting therefrom the Six Months' Advance, formerly granted him for the purpose of enabling him to prepare for his Voyage to Europe.

Consn. 27th April 1798.

Miscellanea

82d. Having referred to the Commander in Chief the question stated to us by the Military Board, (and recorded on our Proceedings of the 13th March 98) whether the Quarter Masters of the European Dragoons at Cawnpore should have Bungalows built for them at the Public Expence or provide themselves with Quarters, we concurred in the opinion of the Commander in Chief that as the Quarter Masters were in receipt of Batta and Vizier's allowances, they ought to provide their own habitations, and gave orders accordingly to the Military Board.

Consn. 20th March No. 4

83d. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we agreed to increase the breadth of the Centre passage of the Stables for the European Dragoons, two feet; which we have reason to believe will not occasion a greater additional Expence than 250 Rs. for each of the Six Ranges.

84th. In consequence of the Sickness which prevailed for some time amongst the Men of the 27th Dragoons, the approach of the Hot Season, the Constant attendance and great labour which must from necessity be bestowed on New Horses, We, at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief allowed one Syce to each Horse until the 1st of November next, from which period we directed that the Number of Syces should be reduced to One for Two Horses, that being the proportion allowed to the European Dragoons on the Coast.

Consn. 20th March No. 6

85th. Mr. J. Martin laid before us an Affidavit made by him, Setting forth that he was appointed by your Hon'ble Court an Assistant Surgeon for this Establishment, together with a Certificate from Captain Carruthers Commander of the Henry Dundas, stating that Mr. Martin came on Board his Ship in consequence of an Order from your Secretary to receive him as a Passenger and Assistant Surgeon for Bengal. On the grounds of these documents, and of the name of J. Martin appearing in the List of Assistant Surgeons received from you, We have admitted Mr. Martin to your Service accordingly.

Consn. 20th March No. 58 to 60

86th. The Commander in Chief laid before us a Letter from Captain C. Stewart, requesting that we would submit for the decision of your Hon'ble Court the following questions.

Consn. 23d March No. 7 & 8.

1st. Whether an Officer after a period of 22 Years uninterrupted Service in this Country, and then proceeding to Europe on Furlough for 3 years, will on the Expiration of that Furlough be entitled to resign the Service in Europe, on the full Pay.

2d. Whether being thus entitled, he must then retire on the Pay of the Rank he held on leaving India, or be allowed to retire on the Superior Rank to which on the expiration of the Furlough he may have risen, without the necessity of returning to India, to Secure a Claim to the Pay of such advanced Rank.

3d. Whether on the completion of 22 Years actual residence in India, with reference to 3 Years subsequent Furlough, he will be permitted to retire on the Full Pay, directly on leaving India.

4th. Whether the period of qualification is to be reckoned from the beginning of the year in which Officers have come out.

87th. Your Hon'ble Court will observe that these questions have been in part already stated in our Letter of the 28th April 1797.

88th. Several of the Commanders of your Ships addressed us, requesting that we would grant them the same Rates of Passage Money for Officers and Surgeons proceeding from hence to Europe at your Expence, as those which are laid down in a Regulation of your Hon'ble Court dated the 27th July 1796, and observed that unless they received such allowances they could not accommodate the Officers, &ca. at their Tables, without suffering a considerable loss.

Consn. 23rd March No. 15

89th. We informed the Commanders that we did not consider the Orders quoted by them as intended to Supercede your former Orders fixing the rates of Passage Money for Officers, &ca. proceeding at your Expence, but that we conceived that the encreased rates of Passage Money were applicable only to Passengers proceeding to or from India, at their own Expence. Although no Communication had been made to us of the grounds of the distinction, we concluded that your Hon'ble Court had Satisfactory reasons for the adoption.

90th. Captain Baskett of your Ship Prince William Henry Subsequently addressed us on the same Subject, in consequence of Lieutenant W. Dickson, whom we permitted to proceed to Europe for the recovery of his Health, having produced an Order from us for his being received on Board of his Ship as a Passenger, and having offered to Captain Baskett the Passage Money allowed by the Regulations to officers of his Rank. Our answer to Captain Baskett was regulated by the Construction of your Orders which we have stated in the preceding paragraph.

Consn. 20th April No. 16

91st. The Commander of the Prince William Henry requested that each of the Soldiers returning to Europe on Board of his Ship might be required to sign an Instrument Stating that they would not ask or demand of the Owners any Wages or Gratuity under pretence that they assisted in Navigating the Ship.

Consn. 6th April No. 12

92d. We informed Captain Baskett in reply, that we did not consider ourselves Vested with authority to compel the Military returning to Europe to sign an Instrument or agreement of the Nature stated in his Letter.

93d. In consequence of the return of the 4th Native Regiment from the Cirkars, we ordered the appointment of Pay Master to the Regiment to be abolished from the 30th of April.

Consn. 27th March

94th. We transmit a Number in the Packet an Affidavit made by Mrs. Hartle, the Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Hartle of this Establishment to entitle her to the benefits of Lord Clive's Pension, and we beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Hartle be admitted to the Pension accordingly.

Consn. 10th April No. 1 to 4

95th. Mrs. Hartle in laying this affidavit before us stated her Claim to the Pension of the Widow of a Full Colonel. The grounds of this Claim are Stated in her Letter recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed Date, and we request your decision upon it.

96th. We beg leave to transmit a Separate Number in the Packet Copy of a Memorial from the Subaltern Officers who were Cadets of the Season 1782, praying to be promoted to the Rank of Captains by Brevet, for the decision of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 10th April
No. 5 & 6

97th. In consequence of the authority granted in your Letter of the 8th of January 1795, We by our Resolutions of the 26th of September 1796, restored certain Non Commissioned Officers of Invalids who had been wounded, or disabled on Service, to the Pay of the rank which they held at the time of their being invalided; but it having Since appeared that the Class of Bombardiers and Gunners (of whom there were Several) had by some Means been overlooked, We at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief agreed that the indulgence should be extended to them, and to grant them the Pay of Gunners, the Rank of Bombardier being altogether abolished.

Consn. 10th April
No. 7

98th. We further agreed that Gunners should be hereafter admitted on the Invalid Establishment, with Pay as such, when Coming under the description which entitles Non Commissioned Officers to their Full Pay when Invalided.

99th. The Adjutant General transmitted to us an Extract of a Letter from Major General Sir J. Craig representing the necessity of establishing Out Posts at the Station of Cawnpore, and of erecting some kind of buildings for the protection of the Guard at these Posts. The Commander in Chief having expressed his Concurrence in the opinion of General Craig, We authorized the Construction of a Sufficient Number of Guard Rooms, restricting the expence of each to St. Rs. 67-4.

Consn. 13th April
No. 5 & 6

100th. The Command of the Fort of Allahabad being a trust of great importance, and Subjecting the Officer holding it to Constant and unavoidable Expence, We agreed at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief that an Allowance of 500 St. Rs. a Month should be made to the Commandant of that Garrison, when under the rank of a General Officer from the date on which the Fort was taken possession of by your Troops.

Consn. 17th April
No.

101st. Mr. Jacob Carruthers mentioned in the 171st Paragraph of our Letter of the 13th March 1798 proceeds to Europe as a Charter Party Passenger on the Lord Walsingham.

Consn 17th April
No. 8

102d. In consequence of an application from the Military Paymaster General recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, We authorized him to pay the Officers of His Majesty's Corps about to embark for Europe, the difference between King's and Company's allowances to the end of April 1798. According to the practice of the Service, these allowances are drawn by Officers proceeding to Europe until the date of the dispatch of the Ship on which they embark; but as the King's Officers in the present instance quit this Country without any prospect of returning, and from being Strangers, without friends or Agents to draw such Allowances as might be due after their departure from hence. We deemed it reasonable and just to adopt the Military Pay Master General's suggestion.

Consn. 17th April
No. 23

103d. By the Phonix we had the honor to forward a General Return of Troops under this Presidency made up to the 1st of April 1798.

Consn. 20th April
No. 17

A List of the Army Do.

Casualty List to the 15th April Do.

A List of Officers on Furlough.

A List of Officers promoted to complete the new Establishment for whom Commissions from His Majesty, Corresponding with the Commissions they hold from the Company, are required.

A List of Officers promoted subsequent to the completion of the new Establishment, as Vacancies occurred, for whom also Commissions from His Majesty Corresponding with the Commissions they hold from the Company are required.

104th. The Commander in Chief having found it necessary on the junction of the Troops which proceeded with the late Governor General and the Commander in Chief from Juanpore to Lucknow to nominate an Officer to act in the Quarter Master General's Department, he accordingly appointed Captain D. T. Richardson to officiate in that Situation, and we at His recommendation agreed that the Sum of St. Rs. 400 per Month should be allowed to Captain Richardson on that account.

Consn. 1st May
No. 4.

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
the 15th of May 1798.

[Original per *Eurydice*
Duplicate per *Atlantic*]

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LETTER DATED 31 AUGUST 1798

Fort St. George to improve construction of gun-carriages—account of equipment supplied to King's regiments kept separate—allowance to children of King's soldiers continued—post of Deputy Paymaster to King's troops in India to be abolished—more land for stud-farm—contractor Lyon's claims on the Company—old and new military buildings—new boring machine for brass ordnance—commission to Capt. Morrison on camels.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

Para 1. Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 15th of May 1798. We have since had the honor to receive your Letters of the 15th October* and the 1st November 1797, by His Majesty's Ship La Virginie, and also your Letter of the 26th of January last.

Answer to the General Letter dated 15th* of October 1797

Consn 23rd May

Para 1 & 2. Mentioning the date of the last Letter from the Court and acknowledging the receipt of the Letter from Bengal dated 31st December 1796.

2. Require no reply.

3rd. Mr. James Henry Brooke who had been appointed a Cadet for the Artillery, permitted to visit his father at St. Helena, any delay in his arrival in Bengal not to Operate to the prejudice of his Rank.

3. This paragraph has been published in Orders, and We shall conform to the directions contained in it.

Answer to the General Letter, dated 1st of November 1797

Para 1. Captain G. A. Robinson to succeed to the Office of Military Auditor General, in the event of his returning from the

4. Captain Robinson not having returned to India, these Orders could not be carried into effect.

*The correct date is 18 October 1797 *vide* Letter from Court, on p. 51 *ante*.

Cape, agreeably to the orders contained in the 2d Paragraph of the General Letter of the 1st of March 1797.

2d. Colonel D. Woodburne permitted to return (Overland) to the Service with his Rank.

3d. Mr. Thomas Innes Appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bengal.

5. These paragraphs have been published in Orders.

Para : 4th. A further number of King's Brevet Commissions sent out on the Virginie—The Fees which had been advanced by the Court to be Collected from the Officers.

6. This Paragraph has been published in orders, and the Commissions have been sent to the Military Paymaster General, with directions to distribute them and to Collect the Fees.

7. The Commission transmitted by your Hon'ble Court for the Commander in Chief Sir A. Clarke, has been delivered to him. The Covenants which you also forwarded to be executed by Sir A. Clarke, have been executed agreeably to your directions. One Copy of these Covenants is returned a Number in the Packet according to your Directions.

Answer to the General Letter dated the 26th of January 1798

Consn. 31st Augt.

Para: 1 & 2. Noticing the date of the last Dispatches, and acknowledging the receipt of the Letters from Bengal dated the 27th February and 6th March 1797.

8. These Paragraphs require no reply.

3d. A Copy of an Order of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council, Licensing the Company to Export Garrison, Ordnance, and Naval Stores.

9. We shall pay due attention to the orders conveyed in this Paragraph.

4. Advance of 1000£ made to the Managers of the Orphan Society in England Transmitting a bill on the Managers in Bengal for the amount.

10. The Bill has been Received and forwarded to the Sub Treasurer with directions to receive the amount at the Exchange of 2s/6d the Sonaut Rs.

5. Mr. Thomas Casement Assistant Surgeon, permitted to return to the Service with his Rank.

6th. Forty-four Cadets to be sent to Bengal in the Season 1797.

11. These paragraphs have been published in Orders.

Fort St. George

12th. Agreeably to the orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in the 129th *paragraph of your Letter of the 5th of July 1797*, We forwarded to Fort St. George a Copy of the Proceedings of the Military Board respecting the construction and improvement of Gun Carriages. We received from that Government in reply an Extract of a Letter from the Military Board at that Presidency, stating that the Improvements suggested, were deserving of particular attention; and recommending that application should be made to us for a Tumbril and Carriages for an Eight (8) Inch Howitzer, and 18 Pr. Gun according to the improved construction, with their appurtenances. That Board further requested that they might be furnished with Lieutenant Taylors improved Screw Quoin for Guns, together with a Pattern Box of each description for carrying Musket shotted ammunition upon Carts and Bullocks accompanied by a Comparative Statement of the Expence of the former, and the proposed mode of transporting this description of ammunition.

Consn. 26th June No. 6 & 7

Consn. 26th June

13. We gave immediate orders to the Military Board to supply the Articles and information requested by the Government of Fort St. George.

14. In consequence of an application made to us by the Commanding Officer of His Majesty's 27th Light Dragoons for an Indemnification for some Arms, Accoutrements, and Horse Appointments, belonging to that Corps, which were damaged or destroyed on the Passage from England, and by the Surf in landing them at Madras, We on the 8th of September last resolved that the Arms and such of the accoutrements &ca. as were originally provided at the Expence of the Public, and not from the Cloathing or the Off-reckoning Fund, should be *immediately supplied* from the Company's Stores on an Indent, Signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, and that the Expence should be carried to the account of the Crown, but that an Indemnification should not be granted for such of the Articles as *were originally furnished* at the Expence of the Cloathing Fund.

15. We were induced to reject the claim to Indemnification for the last mentioned Articles, as notwithstanding that the Company generally granted the indulgence of Tonnage in their Ships from England to India for Articles of this description, it was evidently incumbent on the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or his Agent, to have insured them against all risk; to have replaced these Articles, or to have paid their Value in Money, would have established a precedent which might have been productive of great Expence to the Company.

16. We transmitted these decisions accompanied by a List of all the Articles for which an Indemnification was claimed to the Government of Fort St. George; and as from the circumstance of none of His Majesty's Regiments of Cavalry having ever served in Bengal, no Regulations have

hitherto been laid down at this Presidency for the Cases in question, we requested that Government to inform us how far our decisions corresponded with the determinations in any similar Cases which had occurred on the Coast.

17. We also requested the Government of Fort St. George to furnish us with a List of all accoutrements and appointments &ca. supplied to the 19th Regiment of Dragoons distinguishing those furnished at the expence of the Crown from those supplied from the Cloathing or any other Fund.

18. That Government was at the same time requested to inform us whether Saddles, or any other Articles of Equipment were furnished by them at the Expence of the Company for the 19th Regiment of Dragoons.

19. The Government of Fort St. George referred these questions to a Committee of their Military Board, and transmitted to us a Copy of the Committee's Proceedings on the subject, requesting at the same time that we would furnish them with our final decision, on the different points.

Consn. 9th July No. 1 to 4

20. The number of King's Regiments now serving in India to which occasional issues of Arms, Accoutrements and Stores of various kinds are made from the different Magazines, rendering it an object of importance to ascertain by whom the Expence of the Stores &ca. should be defrayed, We resolved that the Military Board at this Presidency should keep separate Accounts of the Issues made to each Regiment, and that Copies of these accounts should be transmitted annually to your Hon'ble Court in order that by a Communication with the proper Offices in London, you may ascertain what part of the Arms, Accoutrements, and Stores should be charged to the Crown, what parts should be paid by the Colonels of the Regiments and what Articles should be supplied at the Expence of the Company.

21. We also recommended the adoption of the same rules at Fort St. George and Bombay.

22. Although we shall in future conform to these rules, we beg leave to repeat the request contained in the 166th Paragraph of our Letter of the 13th of March last, on the subject of defraying the Expence of Arms, Accoutrements, Saddles or Appointments required for His Majesty's Regiments while serving in India.

Consn. 24th Augt. No. 6

23. In consequence of our abovementioned Resolutions, the Military Board furnished us with accounts of the Arms, Accoutrements, Camp Equipage, &ca. issued from the Arsenal and Subordinate Magazines to His Majesty's Regiments between the first of February 1797 and the 31st January 1798, and of the Articles that were returned by these Regiments into Store during the same period. These Accounts are transmitted a number in the Packet.

Military Auditor General

24. The restriction in the conclusion of the 9th Paragraph of your Letter of the 5th July 1797, Relative to the Allowance of 3 Rs. a Month made to the Children of the Soldiers belonging to His Majesty's Regiments serving under this Presidency, having been communicated to the Auditor General, that Officer reported to us, that none of those Children had ever been received into the Orphan Asylum, and requested our further Instructions with regard to the continuance of that allowance.

Consn. 26th June No. 9

25. As the Soldiers of the King's and Company's Regiments are, by your Orders, to be placed in every respect on the same footing and as we informed your Hon'ble Court in the 152d Paragraph of our Letter of the 28th August 1797, that we had suspended carrying into Effect the limitation prescribed in the 99th Paragraph of your letter of the 5th of August 1796, respecting the Allowance granted to the Children of the Company's Soldiers, we authorized the Military Auditor General to continue to pass the Allowance of 3 Rupees a Month on Account of the Children of the King's Soldiers, in the same manner as formerly, and we trust that this Order will meet with your Approbation.

26. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Letter from the Military Auditor General, respecting the Close of the Books of his Office for the year 1797/8. From this Letter it Appears that the Sums which have been disbursed or brought to account in that Year under the head of Military Charges Amount to Sa. Rs. 1,55,43,533-8. These charges however include Various Sums on account of the six preceding Years.

Consn. 27th Augt. No. 2

27. The Estimate of the Military Charges for the past Official year amounted to Sa. Rs. 1,51,51,873-4 and the actual Expence exceeded the Estimated by Sa. Rs. 3,91,600-4.

28. The Auditor General observes that without taking into Consideration the Extra Batta to the Troops Embarked on the intended expedition against Manilla, and the Contingent Charges for Boats for the King's Regiments, this excess may be Accounted for by the addition of Two Native Regiments to the Establishment in the Month of November, and by the other Native Regiments having been put on the War Establishment, an Augmentation of the number of the Privates in each Regiment having taken place from 1600 to 1800.

Military Paymaster General

29. The Military Paymaster General laid before us a Letter from Mr. R. Grant late Field Pay Master, stating his inability to discharge the Balances due from him as Paymaster, and informing us at the same time that the Claim of the Company on Mr. Grant was likely to exceed the amount for which his Securities were responsible.

Consn. 9th July No. 23 to 25

30. The Paymaster General represented that the Balance as at present stands in the Military Books against Mr. Grant amounts to One Lack, Fifty Seven Thousand and Fifteen Sicca Rupees, but that there were still some heads of Account to be adjusted which were likely to reduce that Balance to a Sum below the Amount of a Debt said to be due from the late Vizier to Mr. Grant and which he offered to transfer to the Company.

31. Considering ourselves precluded by the rules established by this Government and Sanctioned by your Hon'ble Court from all interference with such Claims, We had no hesitation in rejecting Mr. Grant's Offer, and We at the same time resolved to Call upon Mr. Grant's Securities for the Amount of the Sums for which they respectively became responsible.

32. We trust that the ultimate loss to the Hon'ble Company from the effects of Mr. Grant's Misconduct in Office will not be considerable.

Consn. 16th Augt. No. 9 & 10

33. The Military Paymaster General requested authority for closing his Books without waiting for those of the Military Board, which he understood were not likely to be prepared in time to enable him to introduce the charges into his Books previously to the period limited for the final adjustment of the Military Accounts of this Presidency. Finding that there was no Objection to a Compliance with the request of the Military Paymaster General, we authorized him to close his Books, and at the same time gave directions to the Military Board to be particularly careful to have the Books of that Department ready in proper time in the ensuing year.

Consn. 27th Augt. No. 12

34. From the reply of the Military Board you will observe that the delay in preparing their Books arose from the difficulties which have occurred in making out the Accounts relating to the intended Expedition against Manilla, owing to the want of Vouchers for the delivery of Stores to the Agents at Penang and Fort St. George.

Consn. 16th Augt. No. 13

35. We transmit a number in the Packet a Copy of a Letter from the Military Paymaster General with the Certificates of Pay to Officers who have proceeded to Europe on Furlough.

King's Troops

Consn. 9th July No. 13

36. We have the honor to transmit a Separate Number in the Packet, a Copy of a Letter from the Compiler of the accounts of the King's Troops, with the Statement referred to in it.

Consn. 16th Augt. No. 67

37. Captain Staunton applied to us to be put in charge of the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops in consequence of a Deputation which he held from Mr. Burke.

38. The reasons which we assigned to your Hon'ble Court in the 4th and 6th Paragraphs of our Letter of the 18th September 1797 for not complying with the request of Mr. Mc.Naughton to be put in Charge of the same Office

and for Continuing the duty of Deputy Pay Master to the King's Troops in the hands of one of your own Pay Masters at the Presidency appearing to us to apply with equal force to the Case of Captain Staunton, and as your Hon'ble Court had informed us in the 96th paragraph of your Letter of the 5th July 1797, that the distinguishing the King's Subsistence from the Company's Allowances, and the appointing of Separate Paymasters for the issue of those allowances, appeared to you unnecessary, and that you had submitted to His Majesty's Paymaster General the propriety of abolishing the separate Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops in India in order to relieve the Company from the expence of that Office, we did not think it proper under all these Circumstances to put Captain Staunton in possession of the Office, or to make any Alteration in the mode of paying the subsistence to the King's Troops while the question remains undetermined by your Hon'ble Court.

39. With a view however of precluding any unnecessary expence from any future claim to retrospective Allowances on the part of Captain Staunton. We thought it proper at the same time to resolve, that whatever might be the determination of your Hon'ble Court regarding the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops, Captain Staunton should not be Considered entitled to any Allowances whatever on that account, Mr. Burke's Deputation being no Authority for the employment of Captain Staunton in the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops in Bengal without the previous Sanction of your Hon'ble Court or of this Government.

Military Arrangements

40. We beg leave to draw your particular Attention to a Letter recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date from Captain T. G. Williamson whose Conduct (as noticed in our Letter of the 15th of May) Compelled us to suspend him from the Company's Service until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court should be known.

Consn. 23rd May
No. 33

41. In this Letter Captain Williamson retracts his former denial of his being the author of the Letter signed "Mentor", and expresses his hopes that we should be induced to rescind our Resolutions respecting him. We think it sufficient to observe that we requested the Commander in Chief to inform Captain Williamson that we did not think it proper to depart from the Resolutions which we had passed respecting his Conduct.

42. With a view to the Accommodation of the Men of the Marine Battalion and Gun Lascars who are Natives of Chittagong, and who may be invalided, we at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief established an Invalid Company of Sepoys and one of Lascars, to be stationed at Chittagong, under the Command of an European Officer.

43. For the detail of the strength of these Companies, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the annexed date.

Consn. 20th June
No. 2

44. We directed that such of the men of the Marine Battalion as are Natives of Chittagong and who might be invalided this Season, should form the foundation of the Sepoy Company; and if in progress of time, the complement of a Company should be exceeded, we have resolved that another Company shall be formed.

45. The Commander in Chief at the same time suggested the Expediency of extending the Tannah Establishment to the District of Chittagong for the benefit of worn out Sepoys and Lascars who may be Natives of that Province, and as we entirely concurred in the Sentiments of the Commander in Chief, we have directed the Board of Revenue to ascertain whether there are any uncultivated Lands in that Province either the property of Government or of Individuals which can be applied to the purposes of this Establishment.

46. Certain Establishments of Artificers, Sweepers, Bildars, Bheesties &ca. being indispensably necessary to enable the Barrack Master at Allahabad to carry on the Duties of that Department, the Commander in Chief laid before us such an arrangement as he deemed requisite for that purpose. We adopted the Establishment recommended by the Commander in Chief for the particulars of which we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin.

Consn. 9th July No. 8

47. Deeming it proper under present Circumstances to send His Majesty's 33d Regiment to Fort St. George that Corps accordingly proceeded to the Coast in your Ships Earl Fitz William, Lord Camden, Busbridge and Henry Dundas.

48. We at the same time desired the Government of Fort St. George to send to Bengal by the Earl Fitz William as many of the Drafts from the 36th intended for the 76th Regiment, as can be accommodated on that Ship.

49. We have also embarked our Marine Battalion with a Company of European Artillery, and two Companies of Gun Lascars for the Coast. These Troops are to be landed at Masulipatam.

Consn. 16th Augt.

50. Agreeably to our Resolutions of the 31st of August the Commander in Chief has published in General Orders our intention to send a Body of Native Volunteers to the Northern Circars, by Sea, and we trust there will not be any difficulty in obtaining the requisite Number of Men from the Different Corps for this Service, We have also determined to give effect to our former order of 30th October 1797 for raising a third Regiment of Native Infantry, which is to be numbered the 15th.

51. The Circumstances which have induced us to send these Reinforcements of Troops to Fort St. George, and to add another Regiment to the Military Establishment of this Presidency, will appear in our Advices from the Secret Department.

Appointments and Officers returning to Europe on Furlough

52. Mr. Anthony Dickson Assistant Surgeon, appointed to the Civil Station of Midnapore.

Mr. A. C. Clanes Assistant Surgeon, appointed to the Civil Station of Consn. 28th May. Purneah.

Mr. George Mercer appointed Gram Agent at the Station of Cawnpore, Consn. 26th June in the room of Mr. Becher resigned.

Mr. George Fraser Assistant Surgeon, Appointed Surgeon to the Civil 30th July Station of Shahabad.

Furloughs

53. We have permitted Lieutenant G. Murray to proceed to Europe on Consn. 6th Augt. Furlough, for the recovery of his Health.

Lieutenant Colonel P. Douglas has received our permission to proceed Consn. 16th Augt. to Europe on Furlough for the Recomery of his Health.

Consn. 16th May Lieutenant Frederick Corfield also proceeds on Furlough.

Board of Superintendance

54. We transmit a number in the Packet a Copy of a Letter from the Consn. 20th June No. 1 to 4 Board of Superintendance, for improving the Breed of Cattle, with the Proceedings of that Board referred to in it.

55. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Report from Consn. 27th Augt. No. 32 to 34 the President of the Board of Superintendance on the State of the Establishment of the Stud, made on his late Annual Visit of Inspection from this Report it appears that when the Lands obtained for the Stud were granted on Lease, the Proprietors had retained some small Spots of Ground which ought to have been included in those Lands. The proprietors readily consented to relinquish these Lands, which are likely to prove extremely useful in grazing the Stud.

56. The President also inspected the whole of the Lands dependant on two Villages, named Malingur and Ektearpore, Contiguous to the Lands provided for the Stud, and as it appeared to him that the possession of those lands, would be of essential use to the Establishment, and particularly by affording the means of extending the Cultivation of the several species of Grass received from Europe, he obtained the Consent of the Jagheerdar Rajah Raje Buldaul to their being held in Farm by the Company. The Jaghire having been subsequently attached in consequence of the death of the Rajah, we gave the necessary directions for placing the Villages of Malinagur and Ektearpore, under the Management of the Superintendant of the Stud, at the commencement of the insuing Fusellee Year 1206, subject to the Payment of a Nett Annual Rent of 1.500 Sicca Rupees which will be Charged to the Account of the Establishment.

57. The Board of Superintendance having also informed us that Horses fit for the Cavalry Service might be obtained at the Annual Fairs held

at Dudderee and Hadjepore, we at their recommendation authorized the purchase at the ensuing Fair of such Horses as might be deemed fit for that Service.

58. With regard to the further compensation to Mr. Mallet, and the propostion for purchasing his implements of Husbandry suggested by the Board, we judged it proper previously to coming to any determination on these points, to desire them to state whether it was their intention to recommend a retrospective Addition to the Salary of 250 Rupees a Month which has been received by Mr. Mallet or to propose an augmentation of his Salary in future. In the last mentioned case, we desired them to state what increase would in their Opinion be adequate to Mr. Mallet's Services, on the Supposition of his Implements being purchased or otherwise.

59. On the receipt of the Board's answer we shall have the honor of Communicating to you our determination on their propositions respecting Mr. Mallet. In the mean time we beg to leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to the Report of the President for a detailed account of the Condition of the Stud, and we trust that you will concur with us in Opinion that the Report affords the strongest grounds to hope that the Institution will ultimately be productive of great advantages to the Country, as well as to the Hon'ble Company.

Military Board

60. Having taken into Consideration Mr. Lyon's Claim to Compensation for Superintending the Works on the Bogrutty from the 11th November 1789 to the 14th October 1793, we desired the Military Board to report their Opinion as to the allowance to which Mr. Lyon appeared to them entitled on that account. The Military Board in Consequence stated to us that Sa. Rs. 1200 per Month for the above mentioned period and 10 per Cent Commission on the Amount of the Expenditures appeared a fair and ample Compensation for Mr. Lyon's services on that occasion.

61. The Military Board also informed us that it appeared that Mr. Ritso had been employed as an Assistant in Superintending the Works, and stated their Opinion that independent of the above Compensation to Mr. Lyon, an Allowance of Sicca Rupees 400 per Month ought to be made to Mr. Ritso, for the period during which he was so employed.

62. From the proceedings of the Military Board your Hon'ble Court will observe that they were not unanimous with regard to the Compensation to be given to Mr. Lyon, the Majority having recommended 1200 Rupees a Month with a Commission of 10 per Cent, whilst the Chief Engineer and Military Auditor General, deemed 1,000 Rupees a Month with the Commission of 10 per Cent to be a very liberal Allowance. The last mentioned Sum of 1,000 Rupees per Month with the Commission appearing to us to be a very ample Compensation to Mr. Lyon for the Superintendance of the Work in question, we accordingly agreed to allow Mr. Lyon that Sum, with

the proposed Commission of 10 per Cent on his disbursements. We at the same time authorized the Allowance of 400 Rupees a Month to Mr. Ritso.

63. These Resolutions were communicated to Mr. Lyon with information that an Order would be issued for the payment of the Sum to which he would be entitled under them, being Sicca Rupees 51,339-9-7 on his furnishing a receipt for the amount.

Consn. 9th July No. 98

64. Mr. Lyon expressed his dissatisfaction at this decision, and intimated his expectations that Interest would be allowed to him on the Amount, from the period when the Services were performed.

65. We directed Mr. Lyon to be informed that his Claim to interest could not be admitted, and we transmitted to him the form of a receipt to be granted by him for the amount of the Compensation which we had offered to him, in the event of his accepting of it.

Consn. 6th Augt. No. 71 to 74

66. Mr. Lyon at length transmitted to us a Receipt for the Money made out in Conformity to our directions, and we accordingly gave orders for the payment of the Money, partly in Cash and partly in 12 per Cent Notes Agreeably to his request.

Consn. 9th July No. 26 to 29

67. The Military Board subsequently laid before us a further Claim brought forward by Mr. Lyon for some Extra Work performed by him at the General Hospital at Barrampore intimating at the same time that they Considered the Compensation granted to Mr. Lyon to be in full of all demands on the Company.

68. We could not however acquiesce on [*sic*] the Justice of this Opinion. The Compensation which We had granted to Mr. Lyon could only have been considered as a remuneration for his Services on the Specific occasion for which it was made; we had no hesitation therefore in determining that if it should Appear that Mr. Lyon had performed the Extra work at the Barrampore Hospital, as stated by him without having been paid for it, and that his claim to be reimbursed for the Expence of that work had not been included in the decision of the Supreme Court, there could be no doubt of his being entitled in equity to have the Amount made good to him.

69. We accordingly directed the Military Board to take immediate Measures for ascertaining the Value of the Work in question, and at the same time directed the Attorney to the Hon'ble Company to report whether Mr. Lyon in the Suits instituted by him in the Supreme Court against the Company, preferred any Claim on account of this Extra Work. We shall hereafter have the honor of communicating the result of the Enquiry, to your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 28th May No. 24

70. We transmit a Number in the Packet a Copy of a Letter from the Military Board with the Indent No. 1680.

71. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the
Consn. 20th June No. 80 to 87
building of a small Prison, and a Cook Room for the Native Hospital at Cawnpore, limiting the expense of the former work to St. Rupees 1,277-11-3 and that of the latter to St. Rs. 104-9-4.

72. At the suggestion of the Military Board we beg leave to point out
Consn. 9th July No. 30 to 31
to the particular Notice of your Hon'ble Court the remarks of a Committee of Survey, recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, on the state of the Arms and accoutrements sent out on the Henry Dundas, Admiral Gardner and Lord Walsingham, and at the same time to refer for your determination the question stated to us by the Military Board Vizt. whether the Value of the Arms destroyed by Sea Water should be charged against the Freight.

73. In consequence of a recommendation from the Military Board
Consn. 9th July No. 34 to 36
we authorized the erection of some Public Buildings for the use of the Troops stationed at the Post of Burragong, limiting the Expence to Sonnet Rupees 2,230 the Estimated amount.

74. We also authorized the Repairs of some of the Buildings in the
Consn. 9th July No. 40 & 41
Fort of Allahabad, for the reception and lodgement of Arms, Stores &ca. at an Expence not exceeding Sicca Rupees 260-2-9.

75. It having appeared, that the Tents of three Paals [pales] intended for
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a Company of Sepoys, were too small for a Company of the present strength, the Military Board submitted to us their proceedings on the subject, and recommended that the old Pattern Sepoy Tent with four instead of three Paals, with Iron Pins in the Poles and ridge Poles, and an increased breadth in the ridge Cloth should be adopted. This alteration being Essentially necessary to the Comfort and health of the Men, we readily gave our Sanction to it, the price of each Tent will in consequence be increased from Sicca Rupees 168 to Sicca Rs. 235-4-6.

76. From the want of a convenient Laboratory, it has hitherto been the
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practice to drive Port Fires and Fuzes and to make up Ammunition of all kinds in Tents on the glacis of the Fort, when the Weather permitted. This practice Occasioning a very considerable expenditure of Tents, We at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the building of a Field Shed for the purpose of carrying on this branch of the Business of the Ordnance Department restricting the Expence to Sicca Rupees 1,028—the amount of the Estimate prepared by the Chief Engineer.

77. The Commander in Chief having stated to us the unhealthiness of
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the Cavalry Stables at Futty Ghur, the Military Board were called upon for Estimates of the Expence of the alterations which were deemed necessary, and at their recommendation, we

Consn. 9th July No. 56 [58] to 68 — have authorized the pulling down of the Old Stables and building New Ones for the Regiment limiting the Expence to Sicca Rupees 38,355-4-1½.

78. The Military Board having represented the necessity of repairing the Public Buildings of the Sepoy Lines at the Station of Chunar, we authorized the Repairs restricting the Expence to St. Rupees 3,228-2-8. (Consn. 15th July No. 17 to 23)

79. The Military Board requested our Authority for the sale of some damaged Articles of Provisions in the Depot at Chunar, and at the same time submitted to us their Proceedings relative to the State of the Buildings in that Fortress appropriated to the lodgement of the Provisions which form a part of that Depot suggesting also for our Consideration whether the possession of Allahabad, might not preclude the necessity of incurring any material expence in erecting new Store Rooms at Chunar. (Consn. 26th July No. 44 to 46)

80. The Papers having been referred to the Commander in Chief we at his recommendation directed the Military Board to take measures for ascertaining the Causes of the dampness which was stated to prevail in the Store Rooms, and to remove those Causes if practicable, but at as small an Expence as possible. We at the same time however determined that no expence should be incurred in erecting new Store Rooms at Chunar; for although the Fort of Chunar must for some time be considered the best situation for the principal Advanced Magazine of Military Stores yet as a large proportion of them will be sent to Allahabad, the space which will consequently be left unoccupied in the Magazines at Chunar may be allotted for the Articles of the Depot.

81. In consequence of a recommendation from the Military Board, we authorized an Alteration in the Construction of the new boring Machine (Noticed in the 116th Paragraph of our letter of the 28th August 1797) preparing in Fort William by the Commissary of Stores for boring brass Ordnance. By the adoption of this alteration, four Guns may be bored at the same time, whereas only one Gun could be bored by the Machine on it's original Plan. The expence of this alteration will Amount to Sa. Rupees 1,500. (Consn. 6th Augt. No. 32, 33)

82. The Flag Staff at the Station of Barrackpore which has been erected upwards of fifteen years having been found much decayed and in danger of falling, we authorized the erection of a New Flag Staff at an expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 3,828. (Consn. 20th Augt. No. 16, 17)

83. In compliance with the orders contained in the 5th Paragraph of the General Letter from your Hon'ble Court dated the 26th January 1797, we have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet an Account of the Valuation of the Articles issued (Consn. 24th Augt. No. 4)

from the Arsenal of Fort William to His Majesty's Ships between the 1st of Feleɪbuary 1797, and 31st of January 1798.

84. In conformity to your orders of the 14th December 1791, we also transmit a number in the Packet a Return of Serviceable new Serviceable Repaired and Repairable Arms in Store on the 30th of April 1798, in the Arsenal and expence Magazine at the Presidency and at all the Subordinate Stations, together with the number in use with the different Corps Serving under this Presidency.

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85. The following Papers furnished by the Military Board, are transmitted a Number in the Packet.

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Proceedings of the Military Board from the 1st August to the 30th October 1797 inclusive with an Index.

Duplicate Certificates of Military Stores imported on the Ships Rose, Lord Thurlow, Houghton, King George, Hillsborough, Britannia, Minerva, Hawke, Prince William Henry, and Earl Spencer.

Duplicate Accounts of Short Deliveries of Military stores imported on the Ships Lord Thurlow, Houghton, Hillsborough, Minerva, and Hawke.

Certificates of Military Stores imported on the Ships Lord Walsingham and Admiral Gardner.

Accounts of Short Deliveries of Military Stores imported on the Ships Lord Walsingham and Admiral Gardner.

86. From the favourable Report on the Salt provisions cured at the Bandel Farm (as Noticed to Your Hon'ble Court, in the 119th Paragraph of our Letter of the 28th August 1797) we had no hesitation in Authorizing the Garrison Store Keeper to prepare as much Salt Provisions at the Farm as can be properly cured during the insuing cold Season for the purpose of Supplying the quantity allotted for the Depot.

Consn. 27th August No. 13 & 14

87. The Road leading from Tolley's Nullah, to that which encircles the Esplanade of Fort William, and by which Firewood is transported to the General Hospital and to the Southern parts of the Town of Calcutta, being so much out of repair as to be nearly impassable, we authorized it to be repaired at an Expense not exceeding Sa. Rs. 1,284.

Consn. 27th Augt. No. 16, 17, 18

88. A Survey report of the Public Buildings, Machinery &ca. at the Powder Works having been laid before us by the Military Board we at their recommendation authorized some inconsiderable repairs the expense of which will amount to Sa. Rs. 3,920.

Consn. 27th Augt. No. 30 & 31

Hospital Board

89. We beg leave to Notice to your Honorable Court, a Memorial forwarded by the Hospital Board from Mr. Adam Burt Surgeon, recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, and to request your decision thereon.

Consn. 20th June No. 99 to 102

90. We also request your decision on a Memorial from Messrs Gibb, Gray and Fraser Assistant Surgeons, recorded on our Proceedings of the 26th of July.

No. 69 to 72

91. The Hospital at Monghier has been reported ready for the reception of Insane Sepoys; and we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings noted in the Margin for the small Establishment of Servants &ca. which the Hospital Board deemed necessary and which we accordingly authorized.

Consn. 26th June No. 10 to 12

92. In consequence of the late increase to the strength of the Ramghur Battalion, and of the great Number of men Constantly in the Sick List, added to the Consideration of no Stoppages being made from the Sick of that Corps, we were induced to encrease the Medical allowance from 120 to 225 Rupees a Month, that Sum being half of the amount allowed for a Regiment of Native Infantry.

Consn. 6th Augst. No. 1 to 3

93. The Medical Board have reported to us that Twenty Assistant Surgeons will be required from Europe for the Establishment for the Season 1799/1800.

Miscellanea

94. On our Proceedings of the 23d May are recorded a Letter and Report from the Secretary at the Cape of Good Hope respecting the Gun powder sent by us for the use of that Colony.

Consn. 23rd May No. 7 & 8

95. It will remain with your Honorable Court to determine on the propriety of calling on the Commander of the Britannia to assign satisfactory reasons for having thrown 139 Barrels of the Gun powder over board and requiring the Commander of the Isabella to Account for the damage sustained by sixty-seven of the barrels Embarked on his ship.

96. John Winwood private of His Majesty's 52 Regiment who embarked at Bombay for Europe on board of the Princess Amelia having come to Bengal to procure a passage for Europe, and no Ship being ready to Sail on which we could order him to be accommodated, we allowed him a Sum equal to the Charter party passage Money to provide a passage for himself. He proceeds on the Extra Ship Eurydice.

Consn. 26th June No. 17

97. The Commander in Chief laid before us a List of the names of Eleven of the Supernumeraries whose time of Service had expired, and who in consequence of their declining

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to reenlist were brought from their respective Corps to Fort William in Order that they might as usual be sent to England.

98. These Men having subsequently expressed a desire to enter on board of his Majesty's Ship La Virginie, and the Commander in Chief having informed us that every proper Measure had been taken to induce them to renew their Engagements for the Company's Army without Success, we thought it just and Expedient to grant them their discharge and to Allow them to enter on board of that Ship.

99. When the personal allowance of 500 Rupees a Month was fixed for the Commandant of the Fort of Allahabad, (as communicated in the 100th Paragraph of our Letter of the 15th of May last) it was noticed by the Commander in Chief that some further expense would be incurred on account of Moonshees and other descriptions of persons whose Services are indispensibly necessary to enable that Officer to perform the duties of his situation. The Commander in Chief having since made as Accurate a Calculation as was in his power of the number of persons of these descriptions requisite for the Commandant as also of other necessary incidental Charges, we at the Commander in Chief's recommendation agreed to allow the Commandant of Allahabad, the Monthly Sum of 200 Rupees for Moonshees, Writers &ca. to commence from the period of his taking the Command of that Fortress.

Consn. 26th July
No. 8

100. On the late movement of the Troops in the Vizier's Dominions towards Lucknow, it was found necessary to purchase some Extra Camels for the public Service. These Camels were purchased by and put in charge of Captain A. Morrison, and as his Conduct in the Superintendance of their feeding & management, has merited our approbation, we agreed at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief to allow Captain Morrison the usual Commission on the amount of the first purchase of the Camels & also the Monthly Sum of St. Rs. 200 whilst he may have the Superintendance of the feeding of these Camels.

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No. 9, 10

101. The number of Camels purchased was 170, and the purchase Money Amounted to St. Rs. 18,890-8.

102. We beg leave to submit to the determination of your Honorable Court a Memorial (recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date) addressed to your Honorable Court by the Subaltern Officers who were appointed Cadets in Europe for the Season 1781, Complaining of having been superceded by the Cadets appointed in the Country in the same year.

Consn. 6th Augt.
No. 11 to 13

103. His Majesty's Commissions for Major General James Nichol and Captain William Sneyd of your Service, having been returned to us by these Officers in consequence of an incorrectness in the Spelling of the name, of the former Officer, and of the

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No. 14 to 16

Commission of the latter being made out for Samuel Sneyd instead of William Sneyd and without the Seal being annexed, we return these two Commissions a No. in the Packet and beg leave to recommend that your Hon'ble Court will give directions for their being sent to the War Office in order that Correct Commissions may be prepared in lieu of them.

104. We transmit a number in the Packet for the information of your Hon'ble Court an Alphabetical annual long Roll of the European non-Commissioned and Privates of your Army on this Establishment from the 1st November 1796, to the 31st October 1797.

Consn. 6th Augt. No. 60

105. Lieutenant Fireworker W. P. Anderson who was appointed by your Hon'ble Court a Cadet of the Season 1796, for the Corps of Artillery having requested to be transferred to the Infantry; and the Commander in Chief in consideration of the Infantry branch of the Service being deficient in the number of Officers whilst Lieutenant Fireworker Anderson was a Supernumerary in the Artillery and another Officer of that Corps Senior to him daily expected from Europe, having recommended a compliance with Mr. Anderson's request, we agreed to his being transferred to the Infantry as an Ensign to rank under all the Ensigns who were Cadets of the same Season with himself.

Consn. 16th Augt. No. 1

106. In consequence of an Advertisement published by our Orders (and recorded on our Proceedings of the 23rd of May) for proposals for Cloathing the Army for the year 1797/8 Several proposals were received and referred to the Military Board and to the Military Auditor General for their Report. The terms offered by Mr. A. Kelso having been found to be the lowest were accepted.

Consn. 16th Augt. No. 14 to 27

107. We transmit a No. in the Packet a Copy of a Letter from the Judge Advocate General with the Proceedings of General Courts Martial mentioned in it.

Consn. 20th Augt. No. 23

108. The following papers are forwarded a No. in the Packet for the information of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 24th August No. 2

A General Return of the Company's Troops under this Presidency made up to the 1st of August.

A List of Casualties since the 15th of April 1798.

A List of promotions since the 15th April 1798.

A List of Officers on Furlough.

Duplicate of Casualty List dated 15th April 1798.

Duplicate of Lists No. 1 & 2 of promotions dated the 15th April 1798.

We have the honour to be &ca.

Fort William,
the 31st August 1798.
[Original per *Eurydice*
Duplicate per *Atlantic*]

LETTER DATED 24 DECEMBER 1798

Captain Robinson to take charge as Military Auditor General—Major General Geils to be sent to England for mutinous conduct—military equipment sent to Colombo for defence—appointment of Major General Craig to general command of troops in Oudh—European artillery enlarged—formation of Calcutta militia—no advance for purchase of timber for gun-carriages—ammunition for an American ship—military building—gun-carriages to be painted in Prussian blue—army hospital at Allahabad—appointments, resignations and furlough—compulsory deductions from allowances of surgeons towards Orphan Society.

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 31st of August, We have now the honor to forward a Copy of that address, with our further Proceedings to the 31st [21st] December 1798.

2. We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 2d & 14th March and 23d of May last; to which we shall now reply.

Answer to General Letter dated 2nd March 1798

Par: 1 & 2. Noticing the date of the last Letter and acknowledging the receipt of two Letters dated the 13th March and 28th April 1797.	3. Require no reply.
3d. Advances made to several Officers permitted to return to the Service.	4. We have furnished the Military Auditor General and the Paymaster General with Copies of this Paragraph, and We have directed them to report Regularly the periods at which any of the Advances alluded to shall have been Repaid by the Officers to whom they were made.
4 to 7. Mr. Turner permitted to return—Mr. Leny appointed an Assistant Surgeon—Mr. Hussey appointed a Chaplain—and directing	5. These Paragraphs have been published in General Orders.

that Mr. D. Douglas Cadet may have his proper place on the List of Cadets.

8. Respecting claims made by the relations of Serjeant Mooney, deceased, and Stating that no further payments on account of the Estates of deceased Officers and Soldiers will be paid in England.

6. We have transmitted a Copy of this paragraph to the Commander in Chief, and requested him to furnish the Information required respecting the late Serjeant Mooney.

9. Vacancies occasioned by officers retiring, to be filled up from the dates of the Notification in orders in India—Pay and allowances of the advanced rank to Commence from the same dates.

7. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph, and requested him to State to us the operation of these Orders.

10. Captain Pròle permitted to return 125 £ advanced to him.

8. We have directed the proper officers to take measures for recovering the advances made by your Hon'ble Court to Captain Prole.

11. Mr. G. Hammond appointed a Cadet, provided he furnishes the Necessary Documents to entitle him to such appointment.

9. The Adjutant Genl. has been directed to call upon Mr. Hammond for the information required.

12. Arthur Hamilton, Serjeant returning in the Princess Charlotte —appointed a Conductor of Ordnance to fill the first Vacancy.

10. A Copy of this paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief, and to the Military Board.

13. Gentlemen in India who may be appòinted Cadets to produce the necessary documents.

11. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph.

Answer to General Letter dated the 14th March 1798

Par : 1 to 6. Respecting Promotions in the Army to the 26th May 1797—Stating that the Orders of the 27th July 1796, have been Misunderstood—advising that when Officers have their Furlough extended, the extension will in future be communicated—Officers who have had permission to return, to be posted to their proper places—Certain Officers to be struck off the List.

12. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with Copies of these Paragraphs, & We have directed that Lieutt. Coll. Wood, Lieutt. Coll. Sandford, Captain Apsley, Lieutenants Rochford and Barnes be Struck off the List of the Army.

7 & 8. Lieutenant H. Scott resigned Lieutenant Fireworker Chas. Bladen to be Struck off the List.

13. These Paragraphs have been published in orders.

9. Mr. T. Leigh's application to be restored—not complied with.

14. We have directed the proper Officer to Communicate your determination on Mr. Leigh's Application, to that Gentleman.

Answer to General Letter, dated the 23rd of May 1798

Par : 1. Mentioning the date of the last Letter.

15. Requires no reply.

2. Respecting the Sword Blades sent out on the Lord Duncan.

16. We have ordered that the Sword Blades mentioned in this Paragraph be lodged for the present in the Arsenal.

3. Containing the names of Several Officers permitted to return to the Service without prejudice to their Rank.

17. This paragraph has been published in Orders.

4. Adverting to former Orders appointing Captain G. A. Robinson, Military Auditor General, Confirming the former Orders, and directing that Captain Robinson be accordingly appointed Military Auditor General immediately on his arrival in Bengal.

18. In obedience to your Orders Captain Robinson was directed on the 29th of October to take Charge of the Office of Military Auditor General.

5. His Majesty's Officers returning to Europe on the Recruiting Service not to receive Passage Money in India. Such Officers to carry to England Certificates from the Commander in Chief of their being ordered on the Recruiting Service—their Claims to Passage Money to be adjusted in England.

19. The orders contained in this Paragraph shall be duly attended to. A Copy of the paragraph has been sent to the Commander in Chief, and to the Military Auditor General.

6. Mr. William Allison Assistant Surgeon permitted to return to his duty.

20. This Paragraph has been published in orders.

7. Advising that the Commanders of the Company's Ships have been permitted to receive 1000 Sa. Rs. but no larger Sum, for the Passage to Europe of Subaltern Officers,

21. We informed your Hon'ble Court in the 88th Paragraph of our Letter of the 15th May last, that it did not appear to us that the Regulations here referred to were

Assistant Surgeons and Cadets returning to Europe expressly for the Recovery of their health, in lieu of the Sums mentioned in the Regulations referred to in the Court's Letter (Pub. Dept.) of the 31st August 1796.

meant to Supersede your former Orders fixing the Sums to be paid for the Passages of Officers &ca. embarking at the Company's Expence, and as the present orders have not removed our doubts on that head, We have thought it adviseable to adhere to our former resolutions until We shall be honored with your further Commands on the Subject.

8 to 11. Stating that the Letters from Bengal of the 31st August, 31st December 1796 and 27th February 1797 will be replied to—approving of the demand upon Major Reynolds having been Relinquished.

22. We are happy that our determination regarding the demand on Major Reynolds has met with your approbation.

12. Approving of the erection of the Powder Magazines at Pultah and Duckinsore having been committed to the Superintendance of Major Kyd—directing that the Chief Engineer report on these buildings and as the business is to be conducted on Agency and not by Contract, desiring to be furnished with the Comparative Statement alluded to in Colonel Cameron's Minute entered on the Proceedings of the 8th July 1796, of the Expenses incurred on Buildings by Contract and Agency.

23. We have called upon the Military Board for the Statement required by this paragraph; and we have directed the Chief Engineer to report on the Buildings as soon as they are finished.

13 to 17. Respecting an Account Current with the Crown for Stores supplied to His Majesty's Ships—and approving of the Regulations adopted, not to receive Old Stores for, or in part, of the Value of those Supplied.

24. We are happy that the Regulations referred to in this Paragraph have received your approbation.

18. Approving of the Arrangement respecting the allowance of the Commanding Officer at Bencoolen and also of the Senior Officer

25. We have great Satisfaction in finding that the arrangement respecting the allowance of the Commanding Officer, and the Senior

upon whom the temporary Command of the Troops there may devolve. Directing that if Captain Douglas, was not in the receipt of the Batta and allowances annexed to the Command he be permitted to draw those allowances during his Command—Desiring that Officers appointed to that Command in future be not permitted to draw the allowances till their arrival at Bencoolen, excepting as in the Case of Captain Clayton, they shall be detained on the Public Service.

19. Desiring to be informed whether Captain Pigott's Treatise on Horses will be useful to the Cavalry.

20. Do not insist on a Refund of the Sum twice paid of the reserved fifth of the Rohillah Donation on account of Mrs. Showers.

21 to 27..............

28. Approving of the Contract for furnishing Army Cloathing having been given to Captain Mouggach—Adverting to the Agency for transporting the Cloathing being also vested in Captain Mouggach, notwithstanding such Employments in the same person are at Variance with the established principles of Check—desire to be informed in what manner Captain Mouggach performed these Duties.

Officer at Bencoolen has met with your approval, We beg leave to acquaint your Hon'ble Court, that no Superior Batta or Staff allowance is annexed to the Command of the Troops at Fort Marlbro'.

26. Your Orders in the concluding part of this Paragraph will be strictly attended to.

27. We have desired the Board of Superintendence to give their opinion on the question stated in this paragraph.

28. We have furnished the Military Pay Master General and Mrs. Showers with Copies of this Paragraph.

29. Require no reply.

30. We furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph & Requested him to inform us whether Captain Mouggach executed the respective duties of Agent for furnishing and for transporting the army Cloathing to His Excellency's Satisfaction.

31. The Commander in Chief in consequence informed us that Captn. Mouggach executed very Satisfactorily the duties of Contractor and Agent for transporting the Army Cloathing for the Year 1795/6. His Excellency at the same time observed that the Committee of Officers appointed to Survey the Cloathing when first delivered at the Presidency, are a Check upon the Cloathing Contractor, and that the Committee of Officers appointed to

Survey the Cloathing on it's delivery to the different Regiments and Corps are a Check upon the Agent for transporting it.

29. . . . .

32. Requires no reply.

30. Noticing a departure from the usual System of Contract in employing Captain Scott to build the Hospital for Insane Natives at Monghyr upon Agency and desiring to be informed of the manner in which the Work has been executed and of the Expence attending it, and directing that we will acquaint you whether the departure from System has in point of General advantage been justified by the event.

33. Your Hon'ble Court have been informed in the 57th Paragraph of our Letter of the 13th March last of the expence incurred in the erection of this Hospital. The Building has been Surveyed & has been reported to be well constructed.

34. We have furnished the Military Board with a Copy of this Paragraph, and we have desired them to give their Opinion on the question stated by your Hon'ble Court in the conclusion of it.

31 & 32. Approving of Repairs of Buildings at Dinapore and of an increase made to the salary of the first assistant in the Office of the Secretary to the Military Board.

35. We have perused with great Satisfaction the approbation expressed by your Hon'ble Court on the Measures referred to in these Paragraphs.

33 to 37. . . . .

36. Require no reply.

38. Commending the not yielding to the proposition of the Military Auditor General for appropriating the aggregate of the Deductions from the Victualling Bills to the use of the lower Orphan School.

37. We are happy that the determination referred to in this Paragraph has met with your approbation.

39. . . . .

38. Requires no reply.

40. Respecting the advantages to be derived from the Public Studd.

39. We had great Statisfaction in Communicating the Sentiments expressed by your Hon'ble Court in this Paragraph to the Board of Superintendence.

41. Confirming the Resolution not to Comply with an Application from Captain Brown of the Artillery to be promoted to the Rank of Brevet Major.

40. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph.

42. Desiring to be informed whether the Balance due by Mr. Holt late Pay Master has been discharged.	41. We have called upon the Military Pay Master General to furnish the information required by this Paragraph.
43. Rejecting Captain Pennington's application to be brought on the effective Strength of the Army.	42. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph.
44 & 45.	43. Require no reply.
46. Expressing concern that the Memorial of Captains White and Clarkson to be made Brevet Majors cannot be complied with.	44. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this Paragraph.
47 to 54.	45. Require no reply.
55. Approving of the appointment of Captain White to raise Recruits for the Native Corps, his allowance to cease with his appointment.	46. We are happy that the appointment of Captain White to raise Recruits has met with your approbation. Captain Whites allowances ceased with the abolition of his appointment.
56 & 57. Respecting the appointment of Lieutt. T. Dowell to be First Assistant in the Arsenal, and some Staff appointments attached to the Vice President and Deputy Governor.	47. We beg leave to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Staff appointments referred to in this Paragraph, together with the Allowances annexed to them ceased on the return of the Governor General to the Presidency.
58 & 59. Respecting the allowances given to the Engineer Officer at Fort Marlbro'.	48. Require no reply.
60. Noticing a deviation from established usage in having committed the Building of the Cavalry Cantonments at Moneah to the Deputy Quarter Master General instead of advertising for Contract.	49. The reasons which obliged us to adopt the System of Agency at the time we determined on these buildings have already been submitted to your Hon'ble Court; and in the 53rd paragraph of our Letter of the 22d December 1797, we advised your Hon'ble Court of the erection of the intended permanent Cantonments at Moneah having been Suspended.
61 & 62.	50. Require no reply.
63. Respecting the Temporary establishment of Armourers and	51. The Military Board not having transmitted the reports in

Gun Stockers allowed in the arsenal; and observing that the Military Board were ordered to make regular Reports of the Work in order to determine on the utility of Continuing the Establishment, and desiring to be furnished with the required Information.

question, We have repeated our orders of the 13th January and 20th February 1797, and desired that they will at the same time assign their reasons for having delayed to furnish the Reports required by these orders.

64 to 66. Remaking that some Articles of Stores indented for do not appear necessary, and pointing out some Rules to be observed in future previous to the transmission of the Indents.

52. We have called upon the Military Board to state their reasons for indenting for the Articles Specified in the Indent referred to in this Paragraph and we have desired that they will be careful in future not to include any articles in the Indents which are not absolutely necessary.

53. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General will conform to the instructions in the 66th paragraph, on the next Indent being brought before us and we shall communicate to you the result of his Lordship's enquiries.

67 to 71. Unable to forward the Iron Guns and Shot—Stating the difficulties of procuring small Arms—and Noticing that the ordnance for the Company's Service is proved by the same Officers at Woolwich who prove the Ordnance for His Majesty's Service.

54. We have furnished the Military Board with Copies of these Paragraphs.

72. Respecting the Appointment of Assistant Surgeons for Bengal.

55. We have furnished the Medical Board with a Copy of this Paragraph.

73 to 78...................

56. Require no reply.

79. Disapproving of the Allowance granted to Lieutenant Moreland, Adjutant of the 76th Regiment.

57. We shall do ourselves the honor of replying to this paragraph by an early dispatch.

80 to 83...................

58. Require no reply.

84. Acknowledging the receipt of Letters of the 28th August, 18th

59. Requires no reply.

September and 30th of October 1797.

85 to 87. Captain Hicks and Brevet Colonel Mence permitted to remain in England. Several Officers permitted to retire.

60. These paragraphs have been published in orders.

88. The Recruits *of this Season* inlisted for Ten years instead of Five.

61. We have furnished the proper officers with Copies of this paragraph, and directed, that attention be paid to the time of the service of the Recruits.

62. In reply to the Paragraphs transmitted on a Separate paper with your Letter of the 23d May 1798, respecting Lieutenant F. Fortnom. We beg leave to acquaint your Hon'ble Court that the permission to Lieut. Fireworker Fortnom to proceed to Europe on Furlough, was granted at the suggestion of the Commander in Chief from a Conviction that his presence in England was of the greatest importance to his private concerns. We shall be careful that your orders on this Subject are strictly obeyed in future.

Fort St. George

63. On our Consultation of the annexed date is recorded our Correspondence with the Government of Fort St. George respecting the conduct of Major General Geils Subsequent to his Suspension.

Consn. 5th Novr.
Nos. 2 to 8

64. The Government of Fort St. George having addressed you fully on the subject of that officer, we shall here only observe that the conduct of Major General Geils appeared to us of so dangerous a tendency that we thought it proper to authorize the Government of Fort St. George to send him to England by the first Ship which might Sail from that Presidency, either in Case of their not being Satisfied that he had relinquished all Correspondence or Communication with the Artillery connected in any respect with the late Mutiny, or in the event of their being of Opinion that in consequence of Major General Geils past Conduct the allowing him to continue on the Coast was likely to affect the Subordination and discipline of the Artillery Corps or of the army at large.

65. The conduct of Lieutenant Coxely appearing also highly reprehensible we desired that if he should again Commit any Similar offence, he should be suspended the Service, and sent to Europe.

66. The Government of Fort St. George Submitted for our decision a Claim made by Mr. George Lys formerly a Captain in His Majesty's 76th Regiment, for the Pay (denominated Subsistance) of the Ensigncy which became Vacant in the Succession to his Company, and which Ensigncy remained for some time unsold.

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No. 1 to 6 & 7 & 8

67. Having referred the papers to the Commander in Chief, we resolved, in Conformity to his Excellency's Opinion, that for the period during which such Commissions remain unsold, the persons entitled to the Money arising from the Sale of the Commissions shall Receive the pay of the Vacant Commission for Six Months, and from the expiration of that period, the legal Interest on the amount of the purchase Money fixed by His Majesty's Regulations.

68. We Resolved that this determination should be considered as the General Rule to be observed in all Similar Cases which may occur at this Presidency and we recommended the adoption of the same rule to the Government of Fort St. George.

69. In Compliance with an Application from the Government of Fort St.
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George, we directed the Military Board to take measures for dispatching six thousand Barrels of Gunpowder (each barrel Containing Sixty lbs.) for the use of that Presidency.

70. In consequence of a recommendation from the Government of Fort
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St. George, We authorized the payment of the amount of Lord Clives Bounty to Mrs. Frances Jones the Widow of the late Lieut. R. Jones of the Madras Establishment. Mrs. Jones now resides at Patna.

Governor of Ceylon

71. His Excellency the Hon'ble Frederic North Governor of Ceylon ac-
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quainted us that he had been authorized by His Majesty to grant to Doctor John Ewart the highest allowances of every description drawn by the first Medical Servant on this establishment; and requested that we would Communicate him the amount of such allowances. We accordingly furnished His Excellency with a Statement detailing the allowances given to the First Member of the Medical Board (amounting in the aggregate to St. Rs. 2,899-1-7 per Month) and particularizing the Various duties performed by that officer.

72. His Excellency further acquainted us that with the View of putting the Garrison of Columbo in a state of defence he had by the advice of Brigadier General De Meuron accepted of an offer made by Major Barton for
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supplying the following Gun Carriages to be made up and Completed with all expedition.

Twenty 24 Pr. Carriages	..	Trail
Twenty 18 Do. Do.	..	Do.
Twenty 12 pounder Carriages	..	Do.
Ten 6 Do. Do.		
Four Howitzar [*sic*] Do.		

73. His Excellency at the same time transmitted to us two Indents one for Iron and certain Articles necessary for the Construction of the Gun

Carriages; the other for Various Articles of Military Stores required for the use of the Garrison of Columbo. We have directed that the Articles required in the Indents shall be supplied from the Arsenal of Fort William.

Military Auditor General

74. We transmit a Separate Number in the Packet a Bill presented to us by Mr. Hans Gordon Surgeon of the Lord Camden for Medicine allowance on Account of some Invalids who were embarked for Europe on that Ship, but who were Subsequently relanded.

Cons. 10th Sept. No. 31

75. Being unacquainted with the allowance made by your Hon'ble Court to the Surgeons of Indiamen for Attendance on Soldiers during the homeward passage, We directed the Military Auditor General to report upon Mr. Gordon's Charges. The Auditor General's Report is recorded on our Proceedings of the 10th September and we beg leave to recommend that Mr. Gordon, who has returned to England may be allowed such Sum, on account of these Invalids, as you may deem him entitled to.

Consn. 17th Dec. No. 21

76. The Military Auditor General having recommended that a claim preferred by Captain Lakin Commander of the London, for Allowances on Account of the Military brought out from England and landed from that Ship in India, should be Referred to the decision of your Hon'ble Court; We transmit a Separate Number in the Packet a Copy of the Auditor General's Report, with copies of the other papers connected with the claim.

Military Arrangements

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77. About forty men of the Police Battalion under the charge of Captain Mouggach, having offered their Services to proceed to the Coast, we accepted of their offer, and at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we gave orders for the incorporation of these Men into the Marine Battalion and for forming from them and the Supernumeraries already attached to the Corps an additional Company.

Consn. 1st Oct. No. 1

78. In consequence of the Advices alluded to in the Minute of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General recorded on our Proceedings of the 1st October, we appointed Major General Sir James Craig K.B. the Senior officer in the Field to the general Command of the Troops Serving in the Nabob Vizier's Dominions, including those Stationed at Allahabad.

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79. The Adjutant General having furnished the Information required by the 11th Paragraph of your Letter of the 2nd of March last respecting Mr. Hamond, that Gentleman has in consequence been admitted into the Service of the Hon'ble Company as a Cadet.

80. In consequence of the suggestions in the Minute of the Commander in Chief recorded on our Proceedings of the 15th of October, we authorized the raising of 1 Jemadar 3 Havildars 3 Naicks and 40 Golundauze Privates, to be attached to each of the Eleven Companies of European Artillery now in Bengal. The expence of the whole body of Golundauz to be thus attached to the Artillery, will amount to St. Rs. 4,757-8 per Month.

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81. A considerable quantity of Military Stores having been dispatched to Allahabad the Commander in Chief informed us that a Magazine Establishment for the purpose of taking Care of the Stores was indispensibly necessary, We accordingly at His Excellency's recommendation authorized the appointment of a Deputy Commissary and of a conductor of Ordnance, with an Establishment of artificers and Magazine men equal to that which is allowed for the Magazine at Mongheer amounting to Rs. 387 per month.

Consn. 22nd Octr. No. 6

82. The Commander in Chief in a Minute recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date informed us that the greater part of the Volunteers from the Several Native Corps of the Army, (Consisting at that time of 2,860 Men exclusive of Non Commissioned Officers) had already arrived at Barrackpore, and that the remainder were daily expected to reach that Station.

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83. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we formed these Volunteers into three Battalions of ten Companies each and denominated them the 1st, 2d & 3d Bengal Volunteer Battalions. For the reasons stated in His Excellency's Minute, we appointed Captain J. Malcolm to the Command of the 1st Battalion Captain J. Tetly to the Command of the 2d and Captain L. Burrell to the Command of the 3d Battalion.

84. We also allowed an European Adjutant and a Serjeant Major and Quarter Master Serjeant to each Battalion with the usual proportion of Lascars and other discriptions of Workmen.

85. In consequence of the March of some of the Corps of the Madras Establishment to Hydrabad and of the appointment of Colonel Roberts to the Command of the Troops stationed with the Nizam we issued orders for abolishing the Staff appointments attached to the Bengal Troops under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman.

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86. To obviate however the difficulties which might have arisen from paying the Bengal Troops through the medium of the Madras Paymaster, we directed Captain Hume, whom we had appointed on the 10th September Deputy Paymaster to the Bengal Troops in the Northern Cirkars, to perform the duty of Paymaster &ca. to the Bengal Troops at Hydrabad.

87. In order however to provide for the payment of the Volunteer Battalions the Detachment of Artillery and the Bengal Staff proceeding to Fort St. George, and also for preparing and transmitting to this Presidency the Accounts

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of Disbursements of these several Corps, we subsequently resolved to appoint Captain Hume Paymaster with the same allowances as were granted him by our Resolutions of the 6th of January 1797, and to direct him to proceed to Madras without delay.

88. In consequence of the removal of Captain Hume to Fort St. George, and in order to provide for the Payment of the Bengal Troops at Hydrabad, and of our Marine Battalion now serving in the Cirkars, as well as of any other Troops that may be sent to the Cirkars from this Presidency we deemed it advisable to continue Lt. G. Pennington in the appointment of Deputy Paymaster for the purpose of paying those Troops.

Consn. 12th Novr.

89. Agreeably to our Resolutions of the 12th November in the Secret Department we issued orders for raising two Regiments of Native Infantry to be numbered the 16th & 17th according to the present Establishment, and requested the Commander in Chief to give the Necessary Subsidiary orders for that purpose.

Consn. 16th Novr. No. 1

90. In consequence of the proclamation issued on the 29th of October for Embodying the Calcutta Militia for the security and defence of this Presidency about 1,157 Europeans, 1,029 Portuguese and 150 Armenians enrolled themselves to serve in the Corps.

91. To assist in disciplining the Corps, we have thought it proper to re-establish the post of Adjutant to the Militia to continue during the time the Corps shall be embodied.

92. Lieutenant M. Shawe of the 76th Regiment has been appointed to this Office with an allowance of Sicca Rupees 194 per Month.

93. We directed the Militia to be formed into Companies of 4 Serjeants 4 Corporals 1 Drummer 1 Fifer and 80 Privates with a proportion of Commanding Officers. Many of the Men not having the Means of providing themselves with Cloathing, we authorized Cloathing to be provided for such of the men as required to be Supplied with it.

94. With a view however of avoiding any unnecessary expence, we directed Lieutenant Colonel Graham to take an account of the Number of Men who required to be furnished with Cloathing at the Public expence; and to enter into an agreement with some person in Calcutta to make up the Cloathing on the most reasonable terms at which it can be procured.

Consn. 26th Novr. No. 43, 44

95. On our proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a minute from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, laying before us certain parts of your Separate Letter of the 6th June last which he proposed should be published with Modifications in orders.

96. Having addressed your Secret Committee on the Subject of your Separate letter of the 6th June, we shall here only observe that we directed

the parts of that Letter which are entered on our proceedings with the Modifications Suggested by the Governor General to be published in orders.

97. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we transferred Lieutenants George Becher, Thomas White and Thomas Shubrick from the Infantry to the Cavalry as Cornets, under the express condition, of their foregoing every pretention to rank in the army from their having been promoted to the Rank of Lieutenants.

Consn. 10th Decr. No. 9 & 10

98. Mr. Pelham Davies and Mr. George Herbert now residing in India having produced Certificates signed by your Secretary appointing them Cadets for this Establishment, and having also furnished the necessary Documents in proof of their being qualified for such appointments they have been admitted into the Service as Cadets.

Consn. 10th Decr. No. 17 to 19

99. In consequence of our Resolutions in the Secret Department of the 14th December appointing Major General Popham temporarily to the Staff and to Command the Bengal Troops serving on the Coast that Officer has been directed to embark for that Presidency.

Consn. 14th Dec. No. 13

100. We have allowed to Major General Popham an Aide du Camp and a Brigade Major.

101. We have also directed Major General St. Leger to proceed to the Field and to do duty under the Command of Major Genl. Sir James Craig until further orders.

102. We have likewise directed a Company of European Artillery and two Companies of Gun Lascars from the Artillery at the Presidency to be held in readiness to embark for Fort St. George at the shortest notice under the Command of Major E. Montague.

Military Board

103. On our Consultation of the annexed date are recorded the Minute and Proceedings of the Military Board on an application from the Agent for making Gun Carriages for advances of Cash to enable him to pay for a Cargo of Timbers which he stated that he had purchased for the purpose of making Gun Carriages.

Consn. 10th Sepr. No. 44 to 54

104. The Agent in his first Letter to the Military Board dated the 24th of March 1798, informed them that he had laid in a quantity of Timbers, various articles of Ironmongery, and a quantity of Sea Coal, and that having expended near 50,000 Rupees in providing these Articles, he was induced to throw himself on the liberality of that Board, and to Solicit their recommendation of such an advance as they might think reasonable.

105. The Amount of the actual Cost of the Timbers is stated at Sa. Rs. 36,702-12, and the Military Board after Various Discussions on the

Subject recommended, that an advance of Sa. Rs. 30,000 should be made to the Agent on account of these Timbers that a Committee of Officers should be directed to Survey the Timbers, and to see such of them as should be deemed fit for the purpose for which they are intended, marked as the property of the Company; and that the Committee should report the quantity thus received to the Military Board.

106. The purchase of the Timbers having been made by the Agent without any previous authority, and in violation of the established Rules of the Service in general as well as those prescribed for the Agency for making up Gun Carriages, We determined not to authorize the proposed advance, conceiving it to be indispensably necessary to prevent the introduction of a principle, which if admitted would render nugatory the established Regulations regarding advances of the Public Money, and prove extremely injurious to the Public Service.

107. Exclusive of these reasons for not allowing the proposed advance, We thought it highly improper to authorize an Advance nearly equal to the amount of the Cost of the Timbers, before they were Surveyed, and consequently before it was ascertained how many of them were serviceable.

108. The Military Board laid before us a Statement of Gun Carriages required at the different Magazines and Stations of the Army, including a few Carriages still due on the Agency of the late Commissary, and requested that they might be authorized to give such directions to the Commissary of Stores for completing the deficiencies as they might think proper.

Consn. 5th Octr.
No. 23 to 26

109. We authorized the Military Board to give orders for making up the deficient Carriages, but at the same time desired that these Instructions to the Commissary might be conformable to the existing rules for the conduct of the Agency.

110. The Offices belonging to the Quarters of the Field Officers at Barrampore, having been for some time past reported to be in want of Repairs, We, at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the necessary Repairs limiting the Expence to Sa. Rs. 16,576 the estimated amount.

Consn. 10th Septr.
No. 86 to 91

111. At the recommendation of the Military Board we also authorized the making up for the use of the Engineers Department, 25 Carts at the Estimated Expence of Sa. Rs. 2,127-8.

Consn. 10 Septr.
No. 94

112. In consequence of our orders, Communicated to your Hon'ble Court in the 69th Paragraph of our Letter of the 31st August last, the Military Board reported to us that the Chief Engineer had visited the General Hospital at Barrampore and examined the Extra Work for which Mr. Lyon demanded to be reimbursed; and that altho' it was not in their power under the Circumstances of the Case to ascertain with accuracy the extent of such Work,

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No. 72 & 73

they were of opinion that Mr. Lyon's claim should be admitted, with the exception of some over charges noticed by the Chief Engineer amounting to Sa. Rs. 950; thereby reducing the sum total to Sa. Rs. 5,133.

113. Having before us at the same time the Report of your Attorney stating the Claim now brought forward by Mr. Lyon formed no part of the Claims upon which Judgement was passed by the Supreme Court of Judicature, we agreed to pay Mr. Lyon the above Sum in conformity to the opinion of the Military Board.

Consn. 1st Octr. No. 74

114. At the recommendation of the Military Board We authorized the making Wooden Racks sufficient for two thousand three hundred and sixty Barrels of Gunpowder, in the Magazine at Chunar, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 3,000.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 28

115. We also authorized certain Repairs to the Public Buildings at Moneah, at an Expence not to exceed Sa. Rs. 5,302-11-1 the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 37 to 49

116. The Military Board laid before us their Proceedings respecting the Repair of the Road leading from Calcutta to Dum Dum accompanied by an Estimate of the Expence which would be incurred by making the whole of the Road Pucka, together with an Estimate of the Expence of a partial repair. The former Estimate amounted to Sa. Rs. 40,547, and the latter to Sa. Rs. 5,040 besides the further sum of Sicca Rupees 2,000.

Consn. 5th Novr. No. 28 to 30

117. Considering the sum annually allowed for the Repairs of that Road fully adequate to keeping it in good order for all Military purposes, we determined not to admit of any expence being incurred beyond the Established allowance.

118. The Military Board laid before us an application from Captain Macalister Commander of an American Ship, for some Powder and Shot to enable him to defend his Vessel against an Enemy, on his Passage from hence to America. We authorized the Military Board to Comply with Captain Macalister's application charging him the Invoice price of the Articles.

Consn. 5th Novr. No. 41

119. The Military Board laid before us Sundry papers received from the Garrison Storekeeper relative to a deficiency in the Rum which had been Shipped on board of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Earl of Wycombe, for the use of the Presidency of Bombay. The Rum was relanded at this Presidency in consequence of the Damages sustained by that Ship in attempting to prosecute her Voyage to Bombay, and the Board requested that we would determine whether the deficiency should be considered as a loss to the Company, or be made good by the Owners of the Wycombe.

Consn. 12th Novr. No. 33 to 41

120. Having desired the Board of Trade to report their opinion on the Case, we beg leave in conformity to the Suggestion of that Board to refer the decision of the question to your Hon'ble Court.

121. The Military Board having since laid before us a Valuation account of the Rum and other Articles alluded to, We also transmit that Document with the Papers.

122. The Military Board laid before us the Town Major's Estimate of the expence of making the necessary annual Repairs to the Public Buildings in Fort William and outworks, the General Hospital and Surgeons Barracks, amounting to to Sa. Rs. 10,455-1-8. We approved of this Estimate.

Consn. 12th Novr. No. 43 & 44

123. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Rebuilding of the Office of the Brigade Major at Barrackpore at an Expence not exceeding Sicca Rupees 507-14-11.

Consn. 26th Novr. No. 27 & 28

124. In consequence of a suggestion from the Government of Fort St. George, We directed the Military Board to embark with the Native Volunteers proceeding from hence to the Coast a full complement of Camp Equipage made of such materials and of such dimensions as may be suited to the means of Conveyance on the Coast.

Consn. 30th Novr.

125. We also directed the Military Board to Ship 4,000 stand[s] of new Musquets for the use of the Presidency of Fort St. George.

126. The Military Board have reported to us that Major General Deare and the Quarter Master General had visited the powder Magazine at Duckinsore which has been Completed under the Superintendence of Lieutenant Preston of Engineers, and that they had expressed themselves entirely satisfied with the Masonry and with the execution of the Work in general. Major General Deare and Colonel Dyer at the same time gave it as their opinion that the greatest part of the Expense of the second surrounding Wall intended to be constructed round this Magazine, might be dispensed with, and the Expense of it estimated at Sa. Rs. 7,056 by substituting a Ditch and Bank according to a proposition made by Lieutenant Preston. These Officers also deemed it highly necessary that some precautions should be taken to secure the Bank of the River near the Magazine against the effects of the Tides, and that a small Pucka Ghaut should be constructed for landing and embarking the Powder.

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127. We accordingly gave our Sanction to the proposed mode of securing the Bank of the River, to the building of a Pucka Ghaut, and to the levelling of the Ground near the Magazine, and to the substitution of a Ditch and Bank in lieu of the second surrounding Wall, limiting the expence of these several Works to Sicca Rupees 7,108 which exceeds by 52 Rs. the

expence saved by Countermanding the Building of the second surrounding Wall.

128. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the deepening and cleaning of a Tank at Midnapore with a view to supply the Troops and Followers at that Station with fresh Water at an Expence not exceeding Sa. Rs. 8,205 the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 10th Dec. No. 33 to 37

129. We also authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board the cleaning the ground in the Fort of Monghyr at an Expence not exceeding Rs. 256-9-2, and also the Repair of some temporary Buildings in Fort William, at an Expense amounting to Sa. Rs. 548-11-8.

Consn. 10th Decr. No. 40 to 42 No. 43 & 44

130. The Military Board having requested our Sanction for having the Ordnance Carriages painted with Prussian Blue and White Lead, instead of Patna Blue, on the Grounds of the former paint being better adapted for the preservation of the Carriages from the effects of the Sun and Rain, We thought proper, previous to passing any decision on this recommendation to desire the Board to submit to us a Comparative Statement of the Expence of the two Modes of painting the Carriages.

131. They in consequence informed us that the additional expence would be about Sa. Rs. 1-7-10 per Carriage, and that there were about 1,700 Carriages of different descriptions in the different Magazines and Garrisons, and with the several Corps of the Army; The Board also stated that from the repeated reports of the officers of Artillery and the Officers of Ordnance in Charge of Magazines as well as from their own observation, they were convinced of the inability of Continuing the use of the Country Blue Paint, and that although the adoption of the proposed mode of painting the Carriages would occasion some additional expence in the first instance, yet it would ultimately be a saving to the Company.

Consn. 24th Dec. No. 18 & 19

132. For these reasons We were induced to adopt the recommendation of the Military Board, but in consideration of the difference of Expence, and of their having no proof from experience that the Prussian Blue and White Lead would fully answer their expectation, We thought proper to direct them to report the result of the experiment, both in respect to the efficacy of the Prussian Blue and White Lead in resisting the influence of the Weather and preserving the Wood, and to the ultimate expence incurred by the use of this Paint.

Hospital Board

133. Having judged it necessary to provide an Hospital in some Secure place for the reception of the Sick who might be left at Cawnpore on the advance of the Troops from that Station to Anoopshire as well as for the Sick who might occasionally be sent from the Army in the Field; and the

Commander in Chief having expressed it as his Opinion that Allahabad although inconvenient in point of distance in the event of the operations of the army being carried on in the upper part of the Doab was the only place of safety for the establishment of an Hospital, the Medical Board were desired to report their opinion as to the Arrangements necessary to be made, and the Number of Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons which would be requisite for the establishment of an Hospital at Allahabad.

Consn. 12th Novr. No. 16 & 17

134. For the report of the Medical Board on this Subject, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the 12th November. We shall here only observe that we adopted the 1st, 2d and 4th Articles of propositions of the Board; and we in consequence issued Orders for lodging in the Fortress of Allahabad 300 Cots with a Stock of the usual Hospital Bedding sufficient for 300 patients. We also directed twelve pipes of Madeira Wine to be provided for the use of the Sick, together with such a proportion of European Medicines and Instruments as the Medical Board might deem requisite.

135. We postponed fixing any Establishment of Surgeons or Hospital Servants for the Hospital at Allahabad.

Board of Superintendence

Consn. 1st Oct. No. 86 & 87

136. In compliance with our Resolutions communicated to you in the 58th and 59th Paragraphs of our Letter of the 31st of August last, the Board of Superintendence acquainted us that it was not their intention in their recommendation regarding Mr. Mallet to Suggest any increase of Salary to that Gentleman whose period of Service had ceased on the 31st of March last, but merely to point him out as deserving of some reward for having been instrumental to the introduction of foreign Grasses.

137. On these grounds they recommended that the sum of 2,000 Rs. should be given to Mr. Mallet as a reward, and that his Instruments of Husbandry should be purchased at 3,000 Rupees which the Board deemed an ample price for them.

138. We adopted the recommendations of the Board of Superintendence and accordingly authorized the above Sums to be paid to Mr. Mallet in addition to the Salary of 250 Rupees a Month originally agreed to be allowed to him.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 50 to 58

139. On our Proceedings of the annexed date are recorded an address from the Board of Superintendence and an Extract of their Proceedings on the Charges incurred on account of the Institution from it's Commencement to the end of April last with an Estimate of the Expenditure in the Current Year 1798/9.

140. We approved of the Measures adopted by the Board of Superintendence and admitted the excess of Rupees 9,394-15-8 disbursed above the Estimates of the expenditure of the three past Years. We also gave our

Sanction to the Estimate of the Expence for the Year 1798/9 amounting to Sa. Rs. 66,935.

141. We allowed to the Superintendent the usual Commission of 10 per Cent, on the amount of the Original Estimates of the expence of erecting the Buildings for the use of the Stud.

142. We also authorized a small addition of Servants deemed necessary by the Board of Superintendence, amounting to 93 Rs. a Month.

143. With regard to the Suggestion of the Board for procuring some Young Stallions from England for the use of the Stud, We beg leave to refer that point for the consideration of your Hon'ble Court.

Appointments, Resignations, Furlough &ca.

144. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General has appointed Major W. Kirkpatrick his Military Secretary.

Consn. 10th Septr.

145. His Lordship has also appointed Major Beatson of the Madras Establishment one of his Aides de Camp.

Consn. 8th Octr.

146. We have appointed Captain G. Downie who held the situation of First Assistant in the Military Auditor General's Office to succeed Lieutenant F. Corfield as Deputy Military Auditor General and Mr. James Lockhart the present accountant, and Compiler of the accounts of the King's Troops, to succeed Captain Downie as First Assistant.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 9

147. We at the same time deemed it adviseable to continue Mr. Lockhart in his former Office of Accountant and Compiler of the accounts of the King's Troops.

148. We have appointed Thomas Graham, Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Calcutta European Militia.

Consn. 5th Novr. No. 1

149. We appointed Mr. J. Haywood to be an Assistant in the Surveyor General's Office.

Do. No. 42

150. Lieutenant Colonel W. Kirkpatrick Military Secretary to the Governor General has been appointed a Member of the Board of Superintendence.

Consn. 5th Novr.

151. We have permitted Ensign Samuel Fairfax, who has been appointed by your Hon'ble Court to the Civil Branch of your Service, to resign his Military Commission.

Consn. 10th Septr. No. 8 & 9

152. We have also permitted Lieutenant John Grey at his own request to resign your Service.

Do. No. 14

153. Captain T. G. Wiliamson now under Suspension until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court shall be known respecting him, has been permitted at his own request to proceed to Europe.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 14 to 16

154. We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel Robert Mackenzie at his own request to retire from your Service.

26th Novr. No. 1 & 2

155. Lieutenant Martin has been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough on account of Sickness.

17th Decr. No. 19 & 20

156. We have permitted the Reverend Mr. Clarke to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

21st Decr. No. 9 & 10

Miscellanea

157. The Accountant General having reported that the Sum total of the Shares of the Rohilla Donation of 1774 on which the Orphan Society is entitled to receive Interest at the rate of 8 per Cent per annum from the 1st of May 1797, to the 30th of April 1798 amounted to St. Rs. 1,70,529-6-10; and that the Sum due to the Society on account of Interest amounted to St. Rs. 13,642-5-8, We ordered that Sum to be paid to the Orphan Institution.

Consn. 29th Octr. No. 45 & 46

158. We transmit a Number in the Packet a Copy of a List of Claimants of the reserved Fifth of the Rohilla Donation of 1774 the payment of which was not demanded on the 30th of April last, and beg leave to recommend that the List may be published in the London Gazette.

159. In consequence of the death of Mr. Henry Harvey We directed the proper Officer to call upon Colonel Hardy and Mr. A. Lambert for the 15,000 Rupees which we advanced for the purpose of enabling Mr. Harvey to prosecute the tanning of Leather, and for the repayment of which Sum these Gentlemen became Security.

Consn. 1st Novr.

160. We have the satisfaction to inform your Hon'ble Court that one half was immediately paid by Colonel Hardy, and that Messrs. Lambert and Ross have agreed to pay the other half by making a proportionate deduction from the amount of their account at present due by the Company, to which we agreed, and gave orders to the Military Paymaster General accordingly.

161. We transmit a separate number in the packet an affidavit of Mrs. Hearsey widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel A. H. Hearsey of your Service, and beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Hearsey be admitted to the benefits of Lord Clives bounty from the 10th of July 1798, the date of her husband's decease.

Consn. 3d Decr. No. 2 to 4

162. The General Management of the Military Orphan Society represented to us that in consequence of the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons who are occasionally employed at the Civil Stations, discontinuing their Monthly Contributions from the time they enter upon such employment, very considerable arrears had thereby accumulated and solicited that we would issue such orders as might be proper upon the occasion.

Consn. 21st Decr. Nos. 13 & 14

163. We in consequence Notified in public orders that all Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons included under the orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in the 54th Paragraph of your Letter of the 14th of March 1786 were bound without any option to Contribute to the Support of the Orphan Institution, notwithstanding the Temporary Service of any of them in the Civil Department. And with a view to facilitate the Payment of the Monthly Contributions of the Medical Gentlemen occasionally on duty at Civil Stations, into the Treasury of the Orphan Institution We directed all public officers from whom the Surgeons or Assistant Surgeons attached to Civil Stations receive their Salaries and allowances to make the authorized Stoppages from their Monthly allowances Vizt. 6 St. Rs. from a full Surgeon and 3 St. Rs. from an Assistant Surgeon and to bring the amount to Credit in their respective Monthly Cash Accounts.

164. We also directed the Accountant General to report to us quarterly the Amount of the Sums so brought to credit, in order that the amount may be paid at the Presidency to the General Management.

Consn. 24th Decr.

165. At the recommendation of the Governor General, We have permitted Mr. John Scawen to draw, as a pension, until further orders, the Sum of Sicca Rupees 1,000 per Month from the time he delivered over the Charge of the Office of Military Auditor General to Captain G. A. Robinson. We shall hereafter have the honor of recommending to you His Lordship's reasons for granting this allowance to Mr. Scawen.

24th December 1798 We have the honor to be &ca.
[Per *Berrington*]

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LETTER DATED 1 FEBRUARY 1799

Indent for military stores

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. We have the honor to transmit to you an Indent No. 1319 for Military Stores required for the Garrison of Fort William and it's Dependencies, prepared and sent up by the Military Board at so short a time before the closing of the Packet that it has not been practicable for the Vice President

to go into that strict examination of it which is desired by your Hon'ble Court in the 64th, 65th, and 66th paragraphs of your Letter of the 23d of May last.

2. The Articles however now indented for, are not numerous but of a nature which are in constant demand, nor can the expenditure of them be ascertained with any degree of useful accuracy. We therefore express our hope that your Hon'ble Court will order the Stores now indented for as well as the balances due upon former Indents, to be forwarded as early as possible.

3. The Vice President will call for the Table of fix'd proportions of Stores of all Sorts for the Arsenal at Fort William, and other Magazines, and after examining and revising it, will cause the future Indents to be regulated by the average expenditure of Stores for a few Years past.

Fort William
1st February 1799.
[Per *Berrington*]

We have the honour to be

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LETTER DATED 3 JUNE 1799

Proposed alteration in pay of European troops in India.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the United Company of Merchants of England Trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. We have had the honour to receive from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, a Copy of your Separate Letter of the 28th December last, respecting the alteration in the Pay of the European Troops on this Establishment, in consequence of His Majesty's Warrant dated the 5th of July 1797.

2. On the 10th of August last, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council took into consideration a Minute laid before him by the Commander in Chief containing his sentiments on this important subject.

Secret Consn. 15th Feb. 1799 No. 15&18

3. A copy of that Minute and of the Resolutions of His Lordship in Council, adopting generally his Excellency's propositions and recommendations, are forwarded numbers in the Packet.

4. Agreeably to those Resolutions the Military Auditor General was directed to prepare and lay before His Lordship in Council the requisite

Tables of Pay, in order to their being eventually published for the information of the Army.

5. Those Tables and a Report from the Military Auditor General were accordingly laid before His Lordship in Council; but with a view of giving the fullest consideration to a subject of such importance, as well as from the expectation of receiving communications from your Hon'ble Court which would have enabled him to carry the alterations into effect in a manner consistent with His Majesty's gracious intentions, and in conformity to such orders as you might deem necessary, it was judged expedient to postpone coming to any final determination on the subject until the 15th February last.

Secret Consn. 15th Feby. 99. No. 31 to 35

6. A copy of our orders of that date for giving effect to the Resolutions of his Lordship in Council is forwarded a number in the Packet.

Secret Consn. 15th Feby. 99. No. 36

7. The Minute of the Commander in Chief, and the Papers referred to in it, will shew the attention which has been given to this important subject, all the circumstances of which we are inclined to believe could not have been before your Hon'ble Court when you came to the determination conveyed in the letter to which we have now the honor to reply.

8. When you advert to the great advantages of equalizing the amount of Pay to be left at the Soldier's disposal at each of the Presidencies by making the full and net Pay conform to one common standard, and varying only in the circumstances of the Troops being Victualled by the Company or by themselves, and when you consider the objections to re-agitating a question of so much delicacy, after an acknowledgement of the fair pretentions of the Soldier, we trust that you will deem it expedient to confirm the arrangement detailed in our Resolutions of the 15th February.

9. It is with peculiar satisfaction we add that whilst the Regulations which His Lordship in Council has been enabled to adopt under the very considerable difficulties necessarily attendant on the introduction of this alteration in the Pay and allowances of the European Troops, have rendered the strictest justice to the Soldiery, the additional expence which will be incurred in consequence of those Regulations (as detailed in the accompanying letter and Statement from the Military Auditor General,) is so inconsiderable as scarcely to merit attention when contrasted with the great advantages which will result from them.

Mily. Consn. 4th March 99. No. 8 to 10

We have the honor to be, &ca.

Fort William
3rd June 1799.
[Overland]

LETTER DATED 29 AUGUST 1799

Stores to Malacca for use of army—hospital equipment for Ceylon—compensation to officers and privates on board the Osterley*—lascar companies strengthened—applications of Lt. G. Raban and surgeon A. Gray for promotion—delay in payment from off-reckoning fund—measures to check Burmese incursions into Chittagong—more* golandazes *for artillery—advance to agent for gun-carriages—Akrur Datta engaged as contractor of sloops for military use—repair and construction of military works—defective arms to be returned to England—public sale of ordnance stores left by H. M.'s ships—contract system for provision of army clothing to continue—Company to purchase ordnance stores of captured ship* La Forte*—horses purchased at fair near Buxar—proposed import of milch cows from England—passage money, and field tent and table allowances—appointments, resignations and furlough—sickness among troops embarked from Bengal for Madras—saddles manufactured in India found defective.*

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Our last advices were dated the 24th of December last. We have now the honor to forward a Copy of those advices with a continuation of our Proceedings to the 29th of August 1799 the date of this Letter.

2. We have had the honor to receive your Letters of the 1st of August and 5th of December 1798, and 13th of March 1799 to which we shall now reply.

Answer to the Hon'ble Court's Letter, dated the 1st August 1798

Para. 1 & 2. Noticing the date of the Court's last letter and acknowledging the receipt of a Letter.

3. These paragraphs require no reply.

Para. 3 & 4. Lieutenant Colonel J. Kennaway and Lieutenant G. Mason permitted to remain another Year in England—Communicating the names of Officers permitted to retire from the Service.

4. These paragraphs have been published in General Orders.

Para. 5, 6 & 7. Directing the amount of certain Bills to be paid

5. In obedience to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court conveyed in

to the Attorney of Mr. W. F. Gardner.

these paragraphs, We have ordered the amount of Mr. Fullarton Gardner's Bills to be paid to his Attornies.

6. We have also received a separate Paper containing two paragraphs intended by your Hon'ble Court for the next General Letter to Bengal respecting the relative Rank of the two Sons of Mr. Thomas Latter.

Consn. 29th April

7. These paragraphs having been referred to His Excellency the Commander in Chief, We resolved in conformity to His Excellency's opinion, that no alteration should be made in the relative rank of Mr. Latter's Sons.

8. For the Commander in Chief's sentiments on this subject, We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to a Letter from the Adjutant General recorded on our Proceedings noted in the Margin, from which you will observe, that exclusive of the difficulty of making the alteration in the rank of Mr. Latter's Sons, any such alteration might ultimately be injurious to the parties; and that it would not secure to the elder Brother the seniority of Rank over the younger.

Cons. 24th May No. 2

Answer to the Hon'ble Court's Letter, of the 5th December 1798

Para. 1. Noticing the date of last dispatch.

9. Requires no reply.

Para 2. Forwarding a copy of an Order of His Majesty's most Hon'ble Privy Council licensing the Company to export Sundry Garrison Ordnance and Naval Stores and Provisions, and directing that the Certificates of the Stores being landed, be sent to Europe.

10. We shall carefully attend to your orders contained in this paragraph.

Para. 3. Containing the names of Military Officers permitted to return to their rank on this Establishment.

Para 4. Containing the names of Military Officers permitted to retire from the Service, and directing that their names be discontinued on the List of the Army.

11. These paragraphs have been published in Orders, and the Officers mentioned in the 4th paragraph have been struck off the List of the Army.

Para. 5. Several applications for the payment of Passage Money had been made by Officers returning

12. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this paragraph.

to England, in charge of Invalids belonging to His Majesty's Regiments—and ordering it to be signified to His Majesty's Officers, that Passage Money will be discontinued in future on the above account, unless very satisfactory reasons shall be assigned for its being granted.

Para. 6. Respecting the two Sons of Mr. Thomas Latter.	13. Already replied to.
Para. 7. In the List of Cadets of the Season 1793, the name of John Slessor was inserted by mistake instead of William Slessor—William Slessor proceeded to India on the Ship Francis in the following Year.	14. This paragraph has been published in orders and the necessary correction will be made in Mr. William Slessor's Rank.
Para. 8. Permission granted to Mr. Robert Limond to proceed to Bengal.	15. Requires no reply.
Para. 9. Allowance made to John Phair and Thomas Miller Matrosses of Artillery, who were discharged and sent to England from Columbo, in lieu of Cloathing, Half Mounting & Quilts, that were due to them when discharged—The sum paid to each Six Pounds Eleven Shillings and Six Pence.	16. This paragraph has been communicated to the Military Auditor General, and to the Military Paymaster General, with Instructions to have the proper Entries made in the Military Accounts.
Para 10. Appointment of Mr. John Wells Fast, to be a Cadet.	17. Mr. Fast has been admitted into the Service.

Answer to the Hon'ble Court's Letter, dated the 13th March 1799

Para. 1 & 2. Noticing the date of the last dispatch from the Court, and acknowledging the receipt of a letter.	18. Require no reply.
Para. 3. Forwarding a Bill of Exchange upon the Managers of the Orphan Society for 1000 £ Stg payable at sight.	19. We have sent the Bill of Exchange to the Sub Treasurer with Instruction to receive the amount at the exchange of two Shillings the Current Rupee.
Para. 4, 5 & 6. Officers whose Furlough has exceeded three Years	20. These paragraphs have been published in orders, and we shall

not to be entitled to Pay for any period of their absence beyond three Years. Their pay to recommence only from the date of their actual arrival from Furlough at the Presidency to which they belong.

strictly attend to the directions which they contain.

Para. 7. Containing the names of several Military Officers and Surgeons who have retired from the Service.

21. This paragraph has been published in orders, and the names of the Officers and Surgeons mentioned therein, have been struck off the List of the Army.

Para. 8. Permitting Messrs. G. Rankin and J. W. Smith Assistant Surgeons to return to their Rank.

22. This paragraph has been published in orders.

Para. 9. Fifty five Cadets for the Infantry and 25 for the Cavalry will be appointed this Season (1798).

Para. 10. Twelve Assistant Surgeons will be appointed.

23. Require no reply.

Para. 11, 12 & 13. Containing the names of several Assistant Surgeons for Bengal, and advising that Mr. Robert Limond who was formerly appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bombay, had been since appointed for Bengal of the Season 1798—Mr. James Mc.Farlane appointed Conditionally a Cadet for Bengal.

24. These paragraphs have been published in Orders.

Fort St. George

25. In compliance with a request made by the Government of Fort St. George contained in a letter recorded on our Secret Proceedings of the 20th December last, We directed the Military Board to take immediate measures for having in readiness to be sent to Malacca for the use of the Troops there, a supply of Salt Provisions, Garlic, Chillies, Turmeric and Tobacco, equal to Six Months consumption.

26. We also gave orders for getting ready a Supply of Strong Shoes for the European Troops at Malacca, who it appears had suffered considerably in their health from the want of these articles.

27. With a view at the same time to relieve the distresses of the Troops at the Moluccas, we engaged a Ship about 350 Tons burthen, and dispatched her to Malacca and Amboyna with the Articles detailed in the List recorded in the Proceedings of the annexed date, with the exception of the Treasure for Amboyna, which was not shipped, as we had been advised by the Resident there, that he had procured Money for Bills upon this Government.

Cons. 22d Feby. No. 12

Ceylon

28. His Excellency the Governor of the British possessions on the Island of Ceylon transmitted to us an Indent for Medicines and Chirargical Instruments for the use of the Hospitals on the Island, and requested, as the Articles specified in the Indent could not be furnished from the public Stores at Fort St. George, that we would supply such of them as the state of our Medical Stores would admit of our sparing.

Cons. 25th Janry. No. 1

29. With the exception of a very few of the Articles, which the Medical Board procured in the Bazar, the whole of the Articles indented for, were supplied from the Dispensary and forwarded to Columbo.

King's Troops

30. His Excellency the Commander in Chief laid before us an application from Lieutenant B. Bromhead of His Majesty's 28th Regiment of Light Dragoons soliciting on the part of the Officers and men of the Detachment of Drafts from that Regiment who were under his command on board of the Osterley when that ship was captured by the French Frigate La Forte off the Sand Heads, an Indemnification for the Loss of their Baggage and Necessaries.

31. In consideration of the good behaviour of the Detachment in the Defence of the Osterley and of the distressed situation to which the Non-Commissioned and privates were reduced by the loss of the greatest part of their Necessaries, we were induced with a view to enable them to replace the articles which they had lost, to grant to them a Compensation in Money, equal to the value of those articles, as certified by their Commanding Officer, amounting in the whole for Six Serjeants and Ninety Six privates to £144-15-5. We at the same time caused it to be understood that this compensation was granted not as a matter of right, but solely from considerations of equity & indulgence.

32. With respect to the Commissioned Officers and Assistant Surgeon as they were not reduced to the same distress as the Non Commissioned Officers and privates, by the loss of their Baggage we, in consequence of the Orders of your Hon'ble Court in the 66th Paragraph of your Separate Letter of the 6th of June 1798, did not comply with their applications; but as it is the practice in His Majesty's Service to grant Indemnification for the loss of Baggage in such cases, and as the conduct of these Officers

in the defence of the Osterley was highly meritorious we beg leave to recommend their claims, the amount of which appears to us moderate, to your favorable consideration.

33. The amount of their respective losses as stated in the Certificates recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, is as follows.

Cons. 1st April
No. 5 to 12

Lieutenant B. Bromhead	£	12-10
Lieutenant Gleadowes	£	4-13
Cornet C. Deane	£	70
Assistant Surgeon J. Colgan	£	30

34. Having taken into consideration the orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in the 79th paragraph of your letter of the 23rd of May 1798 prohibiting the continuance of the allowance of 100 Rupees a Month which was granted to Lieutenant Moreland Adjutant to His Majesty's 76th Regiment to put him on a footing with the Adjutants of the Hon'ble Company's European Battalions; and observing that your Hon'ble Court have since the date of your orders above alluded to, in the 75th paragraph of your Separate Letter of the 6th of June approved of the same allowance being continued to the Adjutants of the Company's European Battalions; and as we are perfectly satisfied that it is not your wish that any distinctions arising from a difference in the pay or allowances of the Officers of the two Services on the same Establishment and in similar situations should be made, but that the principle of Equality should in every possible instance be fully admitted and adopted, we have for these reasons been induced to suspend the execution of your orders until your further pleasure on the subject shall be known, and to permit the Adjutants of the King's Regiments to continue to draw the allowance in question so long as the Adjutants of the Company's Regiments shall receive it.

Cons. 5th April
No. 1

35. We have the honor to transmit to you, a separate number in the Packet, a Copy of a Letter from the Compiler of the Accounts of His Majesty's Troops, with the two Statements referred to in it, one of which is a Duplicate of a Statement that was lost by the Capture of the Zephyr.

Cons. 15th April
No. 13

36. We also transmit a number in the Packet a General Statement of of the Expenses of His Majesty's Land Forces serving in India between the 25th of June 1797 and the 24th of June 1798.

Cons. 27th Augt.
No. 23

37. Annexed to the General Statement are Appendixes No. 1 & 2 containing Abstracts of the Monthly Returns of the King's Regiments and an Abstract of all the charges of the King's Troops from the 25th June 1781 to the 30th June 1798 from which your Hon'ble Court will have in one view the total amount Vizt. £ 5,315,621-0-4 of the

payments made under the Parliamentary Agreement of 1781 as well as those made subsequent to that period.

Military Arrangements

38. By our Resolutions of the 9th January 1797, the Establishment of the Lascar Companies in the Field and on Foreign Service, was augmented from 56 to 70 Lascars each Company—In consequence of these Resolutions all the Companies were put on the increased Establishment, with the exception of several Companies now at the Presidency, which remained on the former Establishment. These Companies having supplied Men to complete those recently ordered to be detached to the Coast, they were not only deficient in numbers, but were composed partly of indifferent Men. The Commander in Chief expressed it as his Opinion that if these Companies were even completed to the former Establishment, they would still be inadequate to the Service of the European Artillery at the Presidency. We at his Excellency's recommendation issued orders for the augmentation of all the Lascar Companies to 70 Lascars each Company, and we resolved that this number should be the fixed and permanent Establishment in all situations in future.

Cons. 31st Decr. 98
No. 1

39. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we made the following additions to the Medical allowance and to the Quarter Master's Establishment of Artillery on account of the Golundauze.

An Allowance to the Surgeon of St. 1124 for Medicines on Account of the Golundauze attached to each European Company.

Cons. 4th Jany.
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A Dooly for the Golundauze of each Company when actually in the Field or Marching.

A hand Bheastee for the Golundauze of each Company in all situations.

Two Rupees a month for each Company for the repair of Camp Equipage and furnishing Tent Pins, Mallets and Gunny Bags.

40. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded an application from Lieutenant G. Raban of Artillery, claiming Promotion to the rank of Brevet Captain on the grounds of his having been 15 years in the service of the Hon'ble Company when the Military Regulations laid down in your Letter of the 8th of January 1796 were carried into effect.

Cons. 21st Jany.
No. 1 to 7

41. Mr. Raban was originally a Cadet for Bombay of the Year 1781. He arrived at that Presidency in 1782, and in the Month of October of that Year without having joined any part of the Troops of the Bombay Establishment was transferred to the Bengal Establishment, appointed a Lieutenant Fireworker, and directed to join and do duty with the Bengal Detachment then on Service on the West side of India.

42. If Lieutenant Raban had continued on the Bombay Establishment, he would have received Promotion with the Officers of the same standing

with himself; or if his original appointment had been for this Presidency, he would no doubt have been included in the Promotion of Brevet Captains which took place here; but as Mr. Raban when transferred (which must have been at his own solicitation or that of his friends) did not bring with him the advantages of his original appointment, he was classed amongst, and has ever since been considered as one of the Country Cadets of the Year 1782, of which Year neither the Cadets appointed by your Hon'ble Court nor those appointed in India have yet received the rank of Brevet Captain, and consequently Lieutenant Raban's name was not included in the List of Subalterns who received the rank of Brevet Captain.

43. The case of Captain Ulysses Browne noticed in Lieutenant Raban's application, though somewhat similar, yet differs essentially from the case of Mr. Raban, Captain Browne having joined, and done duty on the Establishment to which he was originally appointed, whereas this was not the case with Mr. Raban. It is further to be observed that the Promotion of Captain Browne was carried into effect partly on the grounds of its not occasioning any supercession, whereas by promoting Lieutenant Raban to the rank of Brevet Captain, it would occasion a supercession of several Lieutenants, four of whom were admitted into the Service as Country Cadets prior to Lieutenant Raban's removal from the Bombay to the Bengal Establishment.

44. On referring to the several orders of your Hon'ble Court respecting Cadets transferred from one Presidency to another, it does not appear that the persons so transferred were permitted to retain their original standing but being doubtful how far that rule ought to operate against Lieutenant Raban's claim, and as the Commander in Chief is of opinion that Lieutenant Raban comes within the description of those Lieutenants who from having served the Hon'ble Company fifteen Years were entitled to Promotion by Brevet, We beg leave to refer the claim to the decision of your Hon'ble Court.

Cons. 21st Jany. No. 55 to 61

45. We beg leave also to refer for the decision of your Hon'ble Court an address recorded in our Proceedings of the annexed date from Mr. A. Gray Assistant Surgeon claiming the rank of Full Surgeon which he says has been withheld from him by Mr. A. Campbell holding the appointments of Surgeon to the Garrison of Fort William and Surgeon to the Presidency.

46. With regard to the nomination of Mr. Campbell to the situation of Garrison Surgeon, we have every reason to conclude that the late Governor General at whose recommendation the appointment was conferred upon Mr. Campbell was well satisfied that the duties would be properly executed, and we have no reason to think he was disappointed in his expectation. We cannot however avoid remarking that although Mr. Campbell's appointment took place so far back as the 9th of January 1795 yet not only Mr. Gray but every other Medical Gentlemen, were [*sic*] silent upon the subject until the 28th of July 1798 when Mr. Gray first came forward with an

application for promotion and a request that Mr. Campbell might be deprived of the appointment either of Garrison Surgeon or Presidency Surgeon.

47. In consequence of the Promotion of Mr. Cooke to be a full Surgeon on the 8th of January 1798, Mr. Gray became the Senior Assistant on the List, and would no doubt have received Promotion had another Casualty occurred amongst the full Surgeons, previous to the receipt of the arrangement of Assistant Surgeons ordered by your Hon'ble Court in the 37th paragraph of your Letter of the 5th of July 1797 and carried into effect by us on the 2nd of March 1798, by which arrangement it is evident that Mr. Gray had held a place on the List of Assistant Surgeons for many Years to which he was not entitled.

48. From Mr. Gray's Letter of the 28th of July 1798 (which contains his first application) it would appear that he was at that time the Senior Assistant Surgeon, and that by depriving Mr. Campbell of one of his Appointments, he would be entitled to promotion. At that time however there were 17 Supernumerary Full Surgeons and consequently Mr. Gray could not possibly have been promoted even if Mr. Campbell had been deprived of the Appointment of Garrison Surgeon. Upon these grounds and on the report of the Medical Board recorded on our Proceedings of the 10th September last, Mr. Gray's Application for promotion was necessarily rejected.

49. Mr. Gray's subsequent applications for Promotion were refused on similar grounds.

50. We must further remark that if Mr. Gray had been promoted previous to the receipt of your Orders above noticed, he would have attained a Rank to which he was not entitled under these orders, and would have been amongst the Supernumerary Full Surgeons and as he is now in his proper situation on the Medical List, we cannot admit that he has any ground of complaint.

Cons. 21st June No. 1

51. Since writing the foregoing Mr. Gray has been promoted to the rank of Full Surgeon in consequence of our establishing the appointment of a Full Surgeon to the Garrison of Allahabad.

Cons. 8th Feby.

52. For the reasons stated in our Secret Proceedings of the annexed date, We directed His Majesty's 76th Regiment to hold themselves in readiness to embark for foreign service at a moment's warning and in order to provide for the duties of Fort William we issued Orders for the 2nd European Regiment at Barrampore to proceed without delay to the Presidency.

Cons. 4th March

53. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General having since informed the Vice President, that circumstances no longer rendered the Services of the 76th Regiment necessary on the Coast, We countermanded the Orders for the Embarkation of the Regiment.

54. Having referred for the consideration and opinion of the Commander in Chief the 9th. paragraph of your General Letter of the 2nd of March, and the 3rd, 4th and 6th paragraphs of your letter of the 14th of March, 1798, We beg leave to refer you to a Letter from the Adjutant General recorded on our Proceedings of the 11th of February for the Commander in Chief's sentiments on the subject and to request your particular attention to his Excellency's opinion, on the 9th paragraph of your Letter of the 2nd of March 1798 and to recommend that the Vacancies occasioned by Officers retiring from your Service, resigning, or dying whilst in Europe may be filled up agreeably to the practice of His Majesty's Service, from the dates of the Casualties in Europe.

Cons. 11th Feby. No. 7

55. The rule now recommended by us, your Hon'ble Court will observe is similar to that which we adopted after the fullest consideration, in filling up the Vacancies occasioned by the retirement of Colonel G. B. Eyres, Lieutenant Colonels Cockerell and Duncan, as advised in the 3rd paragraph of our Letter of the 28th of April 1797.

56. We have in the mean time however in obedience to your orders published the paragraph for the information of the Army, and shall observe the rule laid down in it until your further pleasure shall be signified to us on the subject.

57. The 3rd Paragraph of your Letter of the 14th of March 1798 has also been published for the information of the Army, and the rule laid down in it carried into effect. This rule your Hon'ble Court will observe from the Commander in Chief's Minute is applicable only to Lieutenant Colonel Woodburn of Artillery, who has been posted to his proper place in that Corps from the period of which arrangement Lieutenant Colonel C. Scott, and Major Holland will be on the inferior allowances.

58. With regard to the Retrenchment that might be made against Colonel Cameron and the other Officers of the Engineer Corps, in consequence of the directions given in the 4th paragraph of your Letter of the 14th of March 1798, as your Hon'ble Court were not informed at that time of the promotion of Colonel Cameron and the other Officers, and as it does not appear to us that your Orders are meant to have a retrospective effect, and as it would be felt as a hardship by the Officers to refund the Pay and allowances of the Rank to which they had been promoted, and under which they have been doing duty, we beg leave under these circumstances to refer to the favorable consideration of your Hon'ble Court whether or not any Retrenchments shall be made, either against Colonel Cameron and the Officers of the Engineer Corps, or those in the Infantry who were promoted by striking off the List of the Army Lieutenant Colonel Sandford, Captain Apsley, and Lieutenants H. Rochford and John Barnes. The sums would be very inconsiderable, and it would be extremely difficult for the reasons

assigned by the Commander in Chief to discover the Officers particularly in the Infantry from whom the Retrenchments should be made.

59. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a copy of our Resolutions passed in the Secret Department of the 15th of February, for carrying into effect the alterations in the Pay of the European Troops serving under this Presidency in consequence of His Majesty's Warrant dated the 5th of July 1797, for increasing and regulating the Pay and allowances of his Troops in general.

Cons. 15th Feby. No. 52

60. The Military Auditor General having since reported upon the operation of the Regulations, We have the satisfaction to acquaint your Hon'ble Court that although the arrears, which became due amount to the sum of St. Rs. 38,676-14-3 yet the Monthly increase in future to the whole of the European Troops will only amount to St. Rs. 1,484-10-1 a sum very inconsiderable when compared with the great advantages to be derived from the introduction of these Regulations.

Cons. 4th March No. 8 to 10

61. In consequence of the Bengal Troops that were at Hydrabad having proceeded to join the Grand Army on the Coast, the Right Hon'ble the Governor General suggested for our consideration how far it was necessary to continue the appointment of a separate Paymaster for the Bengal Troops serving in the Northern Cirkars of which we advised your Hon'ble Court in the 88th paragraph of our letter of the 24th December last. We in consequence abolished the appointment and directed the Commanding Officer of the Marine Battalion at Masulipatam to take up Money on account from the Collector or Paymaster of the District equal to the amount of his Monthly Abstract for the payment of his Corps.

Cons. 11th March No. 1

62. The Reverend Doctor Ward Chaplain to the Troops at the Station of Barrampore represented that he had experienced some difficulties from the want of a Clerk, and suggested the propriety of establishing such an Office with a suitable allowance annexed.

Cons. 22nd April No. 4 & 5

63. We readily adopted the suggestion of Mr. Ward and at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief resolved that at the Military Stations where Chaplains are present, a fit person to be either a Non Commissioned Officer or Private Soldier shall be appointed to officiate as Clerk to the Chaplain with an allowance of St. Rs. 12 per Month to be drawn in the Chaplain's Bill.

64. In consequence of there being several Staff Officers, a Magazine Establishment and various descriptions of Artificers and Workmen attached to the Fort of Allahabad for whom no Medical Assistance is provided, we at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief established the appointment of a Garrison Surgeon for that Fort with the following allowances.

65. Medicine allowance for the Garrison Staff, Magazine Establishment and people not attached to Corps 150 St. Rs. a Month, and 100 Rs. for the supply of Bazar Medicines.

66. The Surgeon of Allahabad must be subject to frequent calls for Medicine and Medical advice from Officers passing up and down the River, but as the above allowances are ample, we declared them to be in full for every medical charge.

67. We have issued orders for His Majesty's 29th Regiment of Light Dragoons lately arrived from Fort St. George to proceed to the Station of Dinapore by Water.

Cons. 4th July

68. Mr. John Wells Fast having produced a Certificate signed by your Secretary and dated the 1st December 1798 appointing him eventually a Cadet for this Establishment, together with the proofs and document required by that Certificate to entitle him to the appointment, he has in consequence been admitted to the Service.

Cons. 11th July No. 6 & 7

69. The Commander in Chief laid before us a Minute on the subject of the great delay in the payments of the Savings of Off-reckonings. His Excellency observed, that "as the Surplus arising from the Off-reckonings form a very considerable portion of the Incomes of Colonels in Europe and of the General Officers unemployed in India, it was much to be regretted that a division of the Surplus of the Off-reckonings could not take place at stated periods as soon as possible after it became due."

70. The Off-reckonings are calculated according to the Official Year, commencing on the 1st of May and closing on the 30th of April following. From this Fund the Cloathing is to be provided for the past year and ought to be served out to the Troops in the succeeding November; and if this were effected, the Accounts might be adjusted in January following, and a division of the surplus of the Off-reckonings made amongst the Officers entitled to share.

71. If even this regularity could be effected, a period of eight Months would elapse after the Off-reckonings are completed, before the dividends could be made; but this is so far from being the case, that it has happened for many Years past, that owing to various delays in preparing the Cloathing the Accounts have not been made up for one Year before the dividend for another Year has become due.

72. For these reasons his Excellency suggested whether it might not be considerate and even just to the Colonels of Regiments to devise some Plan that might guard them against such protracted delays in receiving a part of their established Incomes; and observed, that the only one which occurred was to form, upon an average, an Estimate of their respective Shares, and to issue from the Treasury a portion in advance, reserving a sufficient sum to answer any overpayment or losses that might occur.

73. As we entirely concurred in Opinion with the Commander in Chief that a portion of the Off-reckonings of the Colonels entitled to share in the general Off-reckoning Fund, should be paid to them within a reasonable time after they became due, and as it appeared from the last distribution of Off-reckonings that the average of a Colonels share of Off-reckonings for a Year may be estimated at Sa. Rs. 7,000.

74. We resolved, whenever it shall happen that the Cloathing Accounts are not adjusted by the end of three Months after the expiration of the Official Year, that a proportion of the above sum Vizt. Sa. Rs. 4,500 shall be paid to each Colonel entitled to a full share in the General Off-reckoning Fund and proportionally to Officers entitled to shares for broken periods, leaving the balance in the Public Treasury until the Accounts are adjusted by the Off-reckoning Committee.

75. We have fixed the 1st of November as the period at which this proportion, which is not to exceed 2/3rds of the estimated Savings of a Year, is to be paid annually, making about 18 Months from the commencement of the Year in which the stoppages which constitute the Off-reckonings are made.

76. We deemed it equitable and just to extend the principle of this new rule, with some modifications, to those Officers in command of Independent Corps who by the Regulations are entitled to the savings of the Off-reckonings of their respective Corps.

77. For our Resolutions at large and the Commander in Chief's Minute on the subject, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin, hoping from the circumstances so fully stated therein, and from the consideration that the adoption of this rule does not occasion any additional expense to the Company, the measure will meet with your approbation.

Cons. 16th July No. 1 & 2

78. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we have transferred the undermentioned Officers from the Infantry to the Cavalry as Cornets, under the express condition to which they have acceded, of foregoing every pretension to rank in the Army from their having been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Cons. 25th January	Lieutenant Otto Clarke
,, 28th Feb.	,, Kelna Swettenham
,, 1st March	,, Humphry Howarth
,, 11th July	,, H. E. Pattle

79. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Letter from the Adjutant General containing advices from Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar of an unsuccessful attack made by him on the Body of Burmah Troops which had entered the Province of Chittagong in pursuit of the Emigrants from Arracan. The

Cons. 1st March No .2 to 4

particulars attending the incursion of the Burmahs into the Province, will be detailed to your Hon'ble Court from the Judicial and Political Departments.

80. We regret that Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar should have attempted to force the Enemy's Entrenchment before he had obtained more accurate information of the situation of the Enemy, especially as he had been cautioned by the Commander in Chief not to hazard an attack if he should have any grounds to suppose that his force was inadequate to the dislodgement and expulsion of the Emigrants.

81. His Excellency the Commander in Chief having called upon Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar to state the motives which influenced him to make the attempt, the mode of attack, and the causes which in his opinion prevented the success of it, His Excellency laid before us a copy of Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar's reply, and observed, that though that Officer was tempted to overstep the line of caution which had been dictated to him, owing to his not having obtained sufficiently accurate information of the difficulties he had to encounter, yet as his conduct seemed to have arisen from an excess of ardour, and as His Excellency was inclined to believe that the attack though unsuccessful to [in ?] its object, was conducive to the hasty departure of the Burmahs, and that it did not appear to His Excellency necessary to pursue the enquiry further, or to take any more serious notice of the transaction than the admonition which he had given to Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar, on the first communication of it.

Cons. 17th May
Nos. 3 & 4

82. We concurred in the sentiments of the Commander in Chief respecting the conduct of Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar, as well as in the reasons assigned by His Excellency for not taking any further notice of that Officer's conduct.

83. A Battalion of Sepoys and a Detachment of Artillery, with some additional Ordnance have proceeded to Chittagong as a re-inforcement to the Troops under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Boujonnar.

84. We have also issued Orders for a Detachment of European Infantry from the 2nd European Regiment in Fort William to proceed by Sea to Chittagong as a further re-enforcement.

Cons. 4th March

85. For the conveyance of the Detachment, Camp Equipage and Stores, we have engaged a Ship about 250 Tons burthen which the Marine Board had great difficulty in procuring, at the expense of Sa. Rs. 10,000 for the Voyage.

Cons. 8th March
No. 23

86. We have since appointed Major General Deare to the command of the Troops in the Province of Chittagong and directed him to proceed thither.

87. For our Instructions to Major General Deare, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Consultations of the 18th March and 12th of April.

Cons. 18th March
No. 46

88. In the 80th paragraph of our letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 24th December last, we informed you that we had determined to raise a certain number of Golundauze to be attached to the Eleven Companies of Artillery of this Establishment, which were not detached on Foreign Service.

89. We have now the honor to inform you that at the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief we have given orders for raising and training at the Presidency the proportion of Golundauze for the remaining four Companies of Artillery.

Cons. 27th Augt. No. 2

90. We beg leave to solicit the particular attention of your Hon'ble Court to a Minute of the Commander in Chief, recorded on our Proceedings of the 27th August pointing out the difficulties which at present occurred to dispose of the Cadets of Cavalry, now arriving from Europe, in consequence of there being no vacancies for Cornets in that Corps, and suggesting such measures as appeared to His Excellency most adviseable to be adopted with a view to promote the Public Service as well as the Interests of the Individuals.

Cons. 27th August No. 1

91. We shall only observe in this place that we entirely concurred in the sentiments of the Commander in Chief, and as the Infantry Establishment requires sixty Lieutenants and one hundred and ninety Ensigns to complete it, we, at the recommendation of His Excellency resolved, that the whole of the Cadets for the Infantry and Cavalry already arrived, and who shall arrive in the course of the Season shall be appointed Ensigns, and that they shall be posted for the present to such of the Corps of Infantry as the Commander in Chief may think proper, leaving it at the option of those Cadets named for the Cavalry to be removed to that Corps as Cornets in succession as Vacancies occur, upon condition that they relinquish all claim to rank in consequence of the Promotion which they shall have obtained in the Infantry.

92. We also resolved that, until the List of Rank of the Cadets shall be received from your Hon'ble Court and their relative places ascertained, the dates of their Rank as Ensigns shall remain unadjusted, and that the present arrangement as far as it respects their being posted to Corps shall be considered temporary and subject to such alterations as the Commander in Chief may find it necessary to make hereafter.

Military Board

93. The Military Board laid before us Copies of the annual Survey Reports of the state of the Public Buildings at Cawnpore, with Estimates of the Expense of making the necessary Repairs, which at their recommendation we authorized, limiting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 9,804-15-2 the amount of the Estimates.

Cons. 14th Jany. No. 41 to 44

94. In consequence of our Resolutions communicated to your Hon'ble Court in the 109th paragraph of our letter of the 24th of December last, the Military Board requested that we would issue an order on the Treasury for an advance of Sa. Rs. 30,000 to the Agent for Gun Carriages to enable him to commence on the Ordnance Carriages &ca required to complete the proportion for the Arsenal and different Magazines.

Cons. 14th Jany. No. 80

95. We were doubtful of the necessity of granting so large a sum in advance, and before any Statement had been submitted to us, of the number of Carriages which the Agent was capable of making up in the course of the Season. In order however that there might be no delay in commencing the Work, We complied with the application. But as our Orders, in consequence of which the Military Board applied for the advance, required them to give such directions to the Agent for Gun Carriages as were conformable to the existing Regulations for the conduct of the Agency, we directed the Military Board to furnish us with a copy of the Instructions given by them on the occasion, and to submit a detailed Statement of the expense of the different descriptions of Carriages &ca wanting to complete the proportion for the Arsenal and Magazines.

96. It appearing from the Proceedings of the Military Board, recorded on our Consultations of the 10th of September last, that the Gun Carriages remaining due on the late Agency (which are to be finished by the present Agent) could not be completed until towards the close of the working Season, we also directed the Military Board to furnish a Separate Statement of the number of Carriages, &ca with their cost which the Agent is capable of completing during the Season, exclusive of those due on the late Agency, and to specify fully and particularly the purposes for which the present advance of 30,000 Rupees was required and the principle on which the advance had been calculated, with reference to the Articles of the existing Regulations for the conduct of the Agency under which such advances are to be sanctioned.

97. Adverting to the orders of your Hon'ble Court, contained in the 16th paragraph of your letter of the 5th of August 1796, and being desirous of furnishing you with the most complete information on the several points noticed in that paragraph, respecting the mode of supplying Gun Carriages, some of which had not been fully answered in the 4th, 5th and 6th paragraphs of our letter of the 28th August 1797. We called upon the Military Board to give their opinion fully to the several questions contained in the 16th paragraph of your letter abovementioned, as early as it might be in their power.

98. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the making up of one hundred Ammunition Boxes for the Expense Magazine in Fort William, restricting the Expense of each Box to Sa. Rs. 10-12.

Cons. 21st Jany. No. 32

99. The Military Board have on several occasions noticed the unreasonable demands made by the Owners of Sloops when required for Military purposes, and particularly during the late embarkations and disembarkations of European Troops when the exigencies of the service would not admit of delay, and when the Owners were consequently enabled to withhold their Sloops, until they obtained their own terms.

100. With a view to reduce the heavy expense incurred in Sloops hire for Military purposes, the Board submitted to us Proposals of Contract by Okur Dutt, the person who supplies the Board of Trade with Sloops, and recommended that these Proposals be accepted, and that the Contractor's Bills might be paid by the Paymaster of Extraordinaries on their bearing the countersignature of the Town Major, and being audited by the Military Auditor General.

Cons. 28th Jany. No. 28 & 29

101. Adverting however to the orders of your Hon'ble Court which direct that Proposals for Contracts shall be invited by a Public Advertisement, and with a view of having before us the fullest information on the subject, We desired the Military Board to prepare and submit to us, an Advertisement for a Contract, for the provision of Sloops, and to furnish at the same time a comperative Statement of the rates in Okur Dutt's present Proposals, and those at which he supplies Sloops to the Board of Trade.

102. We also directed the Military Board to furnish a Comparative Statement between the charges for the last 12 Months incurred in Sloop hire for Military purposes, and those which would have been incurred for the same period agreeably to the rates proposed by Okur Dutt.

103. In compliance with these orders, the Military Board laid before us the Draft of an Advertisement, together with a Letter from the Military Auditor General, and a Comparative Statement, from which it appeared that the actual expense incurred in Sloop hire for 12 Months, amounted to Sa. Rs. 44,819-12, whereas the Expense which would have been incurred during the same period according to the rates offered by Okur Dutt, amounted only to Sa. Rs. 18,421-14. From this Statement it appeared that a saving of more than one half of the total amount would arise from the acceptance of the Terms offered.

104. The Military Auditor General after noticing that the character and responsibility of Okur Dutt had induced the Board of Trade to employ him in furnishing Sloops, observed, that the Military Board had received some Proposals that were lower than those given in by Okur Dutt, but that on enquiring into the ability of the parties to fulfill their Engagements he discovered that several Proposals had been given in, under different names, by the Dependents of one Man, who was himself a Proprietor of only two Sloops, and that therefore he did not hesitate to recommend the acceptance of Okur Dutt's Proposals.

105. Under all the circumstances of the case, it appeared to us to be evidently for the good of the Service that the Terms of Okur Dutt should be accepted; and as the Advertising for Proposals would have taken up a considerable time, and during which the former exhorbitant rates of Charges would have continued, We authorized the Military Board to conclude an Agreement with Okur Dutt for supplying Sloops for Military purposes, for the space of three Years on the terms offered by him, taking at the same time a deposit of 10,000 Rupees for the due performance of the Contract. We trust our reasons for not carrying into effect our original intentions of advertising for Proposals in this instance, will be satisfactory to your Hon'ble Court.

106. Okur Dutt has since, in conformity to the terms of the Agreement deposited in the Treasury, Company's Paper to the amount of 10,000 Rupees.

Cons. 29th March No. 33

107. The want of Water Casks having been frequently experienced on the Embarkation of Troops, particularly of the Native Troops; we, at the suggestion of the Military Board authorized the Garrison Store Keeper to lay up in Store a number of new Teak Casks, equal to contain 30,000 Gallons, to be kept expressly for the use of Troops ordered to embark for Foreign Service from this Presidency.

Cons. 29th March No. 37 & 38

108. The Military Board stated the necessity of repairing the Commander in Chief's Bungalow at Barrackpore, and rebuilding the Stables, and at the same time recommended some Repairs to the Bungalows of two Serjeants at that Station. We authorized the Works restricting the Expense of the whole to Sa. Rs. 4,438-6-8.

Cons. 28th Jany. No. 30 to 34

109. The Military Board laid before us their Proceedings relative to the painting, plaistering and cleaning the Public buildings at the Station of Barrampore, with Estimates of the probable Expense that would be incurred in these Works, amounting in the whole to Sa. Rs. 21,575-4.

Cons. 28th Jany. No. 42 to 45

110. Adverting to the then state of the Public Finances and it appearing from the Military Board's Proceedings that some parts of the proposed Repairs, & ca. might be suspended for some time, We thought proper for the present to limit the Disbursements to Sa. Rs. 6,110-4 the amount of the Chief Engineer's Estimate of painting the Hospital, three Ranges of Upper-roomed Barracks, two Ranges of lower-roomed Barracks, and the Congy House the painting of which from the Wood Work, being chiefly exterior, was represented to be absolutely necessary.

111. The Chief Engineer having at the same time recommended the Construction of a Ladder for the use of the General Hospital at Sa. Rs. 250, and the covering of the Platform round the Hospital with Coah [?] at Sa. Rs. 116, we authorized these disbursements for the purposes stated.

112. The Military Board having with our sanction complied with an application from Captain Bullock for twenty 12 pounder Iron Guns for the use of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Thetis, we have the honor to transmit a separate number in the Packet a copy of the Account of the Weight and value of these Guns, in order, as they have not been paid for here, that your Hon'ble Court may adjust the Account with the Owners of the Thetis.

Cons. 11th Feby. No. 19 & 20

113. The Military Board laid before us a List of worn out and disabled Arsenal Lascars and Magazine Men, in order that some provision might be made for them.

Cons. 15th Feby. No. 22 to 24

114. From the long period of the Service of several of these people, and as many of them had been disabled from accidents in the execution of their duty; and as the Arsenal Magazine Men have occasionally been employed on Service in the Field on the Coast, we resolved that they should be sent to Chittagong and enrolled on the strength of the Invalid Lascar Company established there; the Sirdars to receive the pay of 1st Tindals and the Workmen the pay of Lascars.

115. We however permitted such of them as might be desirous of remaining at the Presidency, to continue there on the pay abovementioned, the pay to be drawn for them by the Commissary of Stores.

116. The Military Board submitted to us their proceedings respecting the repairs required by the Roads and Public Buildings at the Station of Dinapore, in consequence of damage sustained by a late inundation, together with Estimates of the expense of making the repairs, and requested that we would authorize the Works.

Cons. 25th Feby. No. 22 to 25

117. We approved of the several Estimates, Vizt. for removing and rebuilding the Sepoy Hospital and Store room Sa. Rs. 4015-6-6, for repairing the two Cross roads leading through the Cantonments Sa. Rs. 6,753-9-6, and for the repairs of that part of the road leading from Dinapore to Bankipore which was broke up and destroyed by the inundation, including a Bridge Sa. Rs. 2,388. But in consideration of the then state of Public Finances, we thought it proper to authorize only the repair of the road leading to Bankipore at an expense of Sa. Rs. 1,025, and the rebuilding of the Sepoy Hospital at an expense of Sa. Rs. 3518-6-6, the immediate execution of which Works was represented by the Military Board to be absolutely necessary.

118. On a subsequent explanation of the Military Board representing the necessity of Building the Bridge on the Bankipore road, we also authorized the execution of that work at an expense not to exceed Sa. Rs. 1,363.

Cons. 11th March No. 37

119. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the building of a new Battalion Store room at the Post of Kissengunge at an expense not exceeding Sa. Rs. 205.

Cons. 25th Feby. No. 29

120. We also sanctioned an expense of Sa. Rs. 387 which the Military Board informed us was requisite to make the necessary repairs to the Inoculating Hospital and Congy House at Dum Dum.

Cons. 25th Feby.
No. 51 to 54

121. The Military Board laid before us Survey Reports of the state of the Bungalows and Offices of the Commanding Officer at Chunar, accompanied by Estimates of the Expense of making the necessary repairs, which, at their recommendation we authorized, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 3,081-3-2 the estimated amount.

Cons. 11th March
Nos. 38 to 42

122. We also at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the repairs of the Offices of the European Barracks at Chunar and the European Hospital and out Offices restricting the expense to St. Rs. 2664-9 the amount of the Estimates.

123. In consequence of our Resolutions in the Secret Department of the 4th of March we issued the necessary orders to the Military Board and Chief Engineer for the construction of Fort Mornington at Meecrapoota.

Cons. 11th March
No. 53 & 54

124. We have since approved of the Plans, Elevations and Estimates of a Barrack and Powder Magazine for Fort Mornington. The Estimate of the Expense of the Barrack amounts to Sa. Rs. 26,362, that of the Magazine to Sa. Rs. 4,162, exceeding in the aggregate the Estimates for these Buildings, recorded on the Secret Proceedings in the sum of Rs. 260. This addition however is accounted for by the Racks for the Powder being included in the present Estimates.

Cons. 29th March
No. 42 to 44

125. We have since received a letter from the Chief Engineer informing us that he had made a mistake in the Estimate of the Expense of the Palisadoes, by having inserted feet instead of Yards, and made his calculation accordingly. The Expense of the Palisading will be Rs. 7,000 instead of 2,640 Rupees.

126. The Military Board having stated the necessity of building a small Magazine and Store room at Buxar for the use of the 15th. Regiment of Native Infantry, we accordingly authorized the work at an expense not to exceed Sa. Rs. 231.

Cons. 18th March
No. 20

127. We also at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the necessary Repairs being given to the Drain leading from the General Hospital to Tolley's Canal, and the Construction of a small Reservoir to contain Water for the purpose of cleaning out the Drain. The expense of these Works is limited to Sa. Rs. 910.

No. 21 to 23

128. The Military Board laid before us the annual Survey Reports of the State of the Public Buildings at the Station of Futtyghur, with Estimates of the expense of making the necessary repairs and recommended that we would authorize the Works, with which we complied, restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 5,738-14-3 the estimated amount.

Cons: 5th April
No. 11 to 14

129. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the building of Lines for the accommodation of the Golundauze Companies at the Presidency, at the estimated expense of Sa. Rs. 1,436-4-6.

Cons: 12th April
No. 9 & 10

130. We also sanctioned the expense of making the necessary repairs to the Barracks at Allahabad and their Offices limiting the expense to Rupees 1,583-7.

Cons: 12th April
No. 12 to 14

131. The Contract for providing and feeding Elephants and Camels for the use of the Army, expired on the 30th of April, we published an Advertizement, a Copy of which is recorded on our proceedings of the 8th of March, for proposals for a new Contract to continue for three Years from 1st of May 1799.

132. Proposals were in consequence received from three persons, Vizt. Mr. John Mc Rae, Mr. Richard Morris and Mr. William Fairlie. Previous to our receiving from the Military Board a comparative statement of the terms of the different Proposers, Mr. A. Colvin one of the Sureties offered by Mr. Morris requested in consequence of his having misunderstood the Advertisement, that his Proposals might be withdrawn, which was allowed.

133. The Report of the Military Auditor General and the Comparative Statement are recorded on our proceedings of the annexed date, and we shall only observe that the terms of Mr. W. Fairlie being the lowest, and as we had no objections to the Sureties offered by Mr. Fairlie, vizt. Messrs. Barnard Mc.Callum and A. Kelso, the Contract was accordingly given to him.

Cons. 19th April
No. 2 to 9

134. In consequence of an application from Colonel Mc.Kenzie Commanding His Majesty's 78th Regiment, and the the recommendation of the Commander in Chief, we directed the Military Board to take measures for purchasing a Bungalow at Cawnpore for a Mess Room for the use of Officers of that Regiment or of any other European Regiment that may relieve them at the Station.

Cons. 29th March
No. 6 to 9

135. The cost of the Bungalow and some necessary alterations will amount to about 6,000 Rupees exclusive of some small Expense for a few articles of Furniture.

136. The Military Board submitted to us the annual Survey Report of the state of the Public Buildings at the station of Barrackpore, accompanied by Estimates of the Repairs required, amounting in the aggregate to Sa. Rs. 80,659-11-1. The

Cons. 29th March
No. 32

Board stated that the Season being so far advanced, it would be impracticable to complete the whole of the Repairs this Year, but as the roofs of the Bungalows were in such a state as to make it absolutely necessary to give new Choppers to those which would be immediately required for the accommodation of the Officers, they recommended that the Repairs for the present might be confined to one half of the Bungalows and their Out Offices.

137. We sanctioned the Estimates and adopted the recommendation of the Military Board limiting the Expense to the amount of the respective Estimates.

138. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we gave orders for the removal of the Sepoy Cantonments at Chunar, a measure which has long been in agitation in consequence of the unhealthiness of the present situation, to a spot of Ground on the Benares side of the River, about three Miles below Chunar, and twelve above Benares.

139. We directed in the first instance that Lines should be traced for one Regiment of Native Infantry, the ground to be taken up so as to admit of future extension.

140. We also resolved that Bungalows should be built for the European Officers instead of giving them Full Batta, and directed the Military Board to furnish Plans and Estimates of Bungalows for a full proportion of Officers to a Regiment of Native Infantry, and for the Commanding Officer, and Staff of the Station.

141. For the further grounds of our Orders and Resolutions respecting these Cantonments, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to the Commander in Chief's Minute on the subject, recorded on our Proceedings noted in the margin.

Cons. 15th March No. 1

142. The Military Board agreeably to our Orders furnished Plans and Estimates of the Bungalows for the new Cantonments, which we approved. The Estimates amount in the aggregate to Sicca Rupees 2,50,921-15-2.

Cons. 8th April No. 18 to 33

143. These Buildings are of the description of those which usually fall to be constructed by the Quarter Master General's Department, but as that Officer is precluded by the existing Regulations of check and control from the immediate expenditure of Public Money and the Deputy Quarter Master General being fully employed upon extensive Works at the Field Stations of Cawnpore and Futtyghur, we found it necessary to have recourse to some other person competent from skill and experience to execute the Works in question, which we considered of too great importance to be entrusted to a person not conversant in building.

144. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we committed the execution of the Work to Major Humfrays the Engineer at Chunar, upon trust, he charging upon Honour the actual expense for Materials and

Workmen and drawing the usual Commission of 10 Pr. Cent on the whole expenditure for his trouble.

145. For the reasons stated by the Commander in Chief in his Minute recorded on our Proceedings noted in the Margin, to which we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court, we directed that Major Humfrays in laying out the ground and constructing the Buildings should be subject to the Instructions and eventual Superintendence of the Quarter Master General in the same manner as if the work had been committed to the charge of a Subordinate Officer in the Quarter Master General's Department.

Cons. 19th April No. 1

146. Having given Orders to the Military Board to supply His Majesty's Ship La Forte with such Ordnance and Stores as might be required on written applications for that purpose, from Captain Cooke or the Officer commanding the Forte, provided they could be spared from the Arsenal, that Board informed us that a complete Sett of Gun Carriages was wanted for the Forte. But as the making up these Carriages in the Arsenal would materially impede the other business of that Department, and as the Carriages could be made much more speedily and nearly as cheap by Tradesmen in Calcutta, the Board called upon some of the principal Ship Builders for Proposals to furnish the Carriages by Contract.

Cons. 22d April No. 33 to 39

147. The Proposals were at the same time laid before us by the Military Board, who recommended that those of Messrs. Bacon and Hudson, as being the lowest, should be accepted.

148. We adopted the Board's recommendation, and accordingly authorized the making up thirty 24 Pounder Carriages at Sicca Rupees 150 each, and fourteen 12 Pounder Carriages, at Sicca Rupees 100 each. An account of these Expenses will be transmitted to your Hon'ble Court to enable you to adjust the same with the proper Officers in England.

149. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorised the Expense of making up Ten Carts for the Department of the Barrackmaster at Barrackpore at Sicca Rupees 108 for each Cart.

Cons. 29th April No. 20

150. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the repairs of the public Buildings at Mongheer limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 1,555-10-8 the estimated amount.

Cons. 3d May No. to 10

151. The Military Board laid before us an annual Survey Report of the state of the Fortifications and public Buildings in Fort William accompanied by Estimates of the expense of making the necessary repairs and alterations, amounting in the aggregate to Sa. Rs. 1,33,743-9-8 and recommended that we would authorise the execution of the several works aggreably to an arrangement proposed by the Chief Engineer,

Cons. 3d May No. 13 to 57

152. We adopted generally the recommendation of the Military Board, and authorized the execution of the Repairs and alterations in the manner proposed by the Chief Engineer, with the exception of the Work intended to remedy some supposed defects in two of the Redoubts in the Water line of the Fortifications which we had the honor to notice to your Hon'ble Court in the 12th paragraph of our letter of the 8th March 1795 and to which supposed defects the Commander in Chief has not yet been able to give that degree of attention and consideration which the importance of the subject requires.

Cons. 20th May
No. 44 to 48

153. In compliance with an application from the Military Board we authorized the necessary repairs to the Sepoy Hospital and Sepoy Lines at the station of Barrampore restricting the expense of the former to Sa. Rs. 635-4-6 and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 1,052-14-6, the amount of the Estimates.

Cons. 24th May
No. 21, 22
No. 28, 29

154. At the request of the Military Board we transmit a number in the Packet a copy of a Survey Report upon small Arms received from Europe by the Tellicherry, also a copy of a Letter from the Commissary of Stores respecting Drum Heads received by the Caledonian, to which we beg your particular attention with a view to prevent such Arms, &ca. in future from being sent out to this country.

Cons. 24th May
No. 25 to 27.

155. We authorized the repairs of the Lines of the 1st Battalion 15th Regiment of Native Infantry at Buxar at an expense not exceeding St. Rs. 413-13-3.

Cons. 31st May
No. 25 to 28.

156. We also authorized the necessary repairs to be given to two of the Bridges of the Fort of Mongheer, restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 638-4-2½.

Do. Do.
No. 34 to 36.

157. The Military Board recommended the necessary repairs being made to the public Military Buildings at Gya which we authorized limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 2,500 the estimated amount of the Work.

Do. Do.
No. 37 to 39 & 46 to 48

158. The Military Board requested our authority for giving the necessary Repairs to the Stables of the 2d Regiment of Cavalry and represented to us that the Monthly allowance hitherto established for keeping in repair the Cavalry Stables at Cawnpore, Futty Ghur and Moneah was found not to answer the purposes for which it was intended.

159. We authorized the Repairs limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 4,883-0-8 the amount of the Estimate, and at the recommendation of the Board abolished the Monthly allowance and directed that the necessary repairs of the Stables should be made in future by a Public Staff Officer upon Survey Report and Estimate agreeably to the General practice of the Service.

160. We authorized the Construction of Sepoy Lines at the Post of Juanpore at an expense not exceeding St. Rs. 6,255-6-9 the amount of the Estimate laid before us by the Military Board.

Cons. 31st May 42—45

161. We transmit a number in the Packet a copy of a Letter from the Military Board with Copies of Survey Reports of Arms received from Europe by the Hon'ble Company's Ships Malabar, Contractor, and Caledonian, and beg leave to request the particular attention of your Hon'ble Court to the circumstance of so large a portion of these Arms being unserviceable from defects in their original Construction.

Cons. 17th June No. 60 to 63

162. In order that your Hon'ble Court may be satisfied of the correctness of the Report of the Committee of Survey, we have given orders to the Military Board to have the Arms of the above description packed up for the purpose of being returned to England by the first opportunity.

163. It appearing that some of the Arms received by the Contractor were damaged by Salt Water, we directed the Board of Trade to call upon the Commander of that Ship to account for this damage.

164. Captain Hughes in his reply (which is recorded on our proceedings of the annexed date) states, that all the Chests with Arms were sent on Board when the after hold of the Ship was filled with the Hon'ble Company's Bales, and consequently the Arms were stowed in the after part of the Main Hold where they were properly and securely dunnaged; but that he apprehends that the damage to the Arms by Salt Water was owing to continual boisterous Weather, and the consequent labouring of the Ship.

Cons. 11th July No. 21

165. The whole of the Arms abovementioned have been shipped on the Phœnix, Captain Tyrie according to a Bill of Lading which is forwarded a number in the Packet.

Cons. 27th Augt. No. 47

166. The Military Board represented to us that the Bridge to the West Entrance of Smith's Ravelin in Fort William was in so very decayed a situation as to require immediate repairs, noticing at the same time that the state of the Bridge was omitted in the annual Survey. We authorized the necessary Repairs limiting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 795-8 the amount of the Chief Engineer's Estimate.

Cons. 17th June No. 69 & 70

167. The Military Board having represented the insufficiency of the present Establishment of Lascars for the duties of the Magazine at Fort Marlbro', we gave orders for adding one Serang and Twenty Six Lascars to the present Establishment.

Cons. 21st June No. 3

168. In consequence of the considerable increase in the number of Ordnance Carriages at Cawnpore, we authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board the construction of an additional Shed for the protection of the Carriages from the influence of the Weather.

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No. 5 & 6

169. They also recommended the building of an additional Store room and a Laboratory at that Station which we also authorized, limiting the expense of the whole to St. Rs. 10,043-6-1 the amount of the Estimates.

170. The Military Board represented to us the necessity of fitting up some place in the Fort of Allahabad as a temporary Magazine for lodging Gun Powder and at the same time submitted a proposition of Lieutenant Colonel Kyd's for converting a Hummam or hot Bath which stood in the Fort into a Powder Magazine, stating that with some repairs and alterations it would contain in safety until a regular Magazine could be constructed, at least 2,500 Barrels.

Cons. 28th June
No. 20 to 24

171. We accordingly authorized the execution of the Work, restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 2,161 the amount of Lieutenant Colonel Kyd's Estimate.

172. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the expense of some repairs and stopping the Leaks in the Roofs of the General Hospital and Artillery Barracks at Dinapore, amounting to Sa. Rs. 1,389-4.

Cons. 4th July
No. 25 & 27

173. The Military Board having frequently represented to us the great inconvenience occasioned by the reception into the Arsenal of bulky Stores from His Majesty's Ships, and by the Stores being left there after the Ships have sailed from hence, we acquiesced in a proposition from them for sending to Mr. Abbott, the Navy Agent in Calcutta, certain Stores left in the Arsenal from His Majesty's Ships Heroine, L'Oiseau and La Sybelle.

174. In consequence of this Resolution we received a Letter from His Excellency Admiral Rainier stating that altho' the order which had been received by him from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty dated the 26th of October 1796, on the subject of Ordnance Stores, seemed to confine the business to supplies only, yet as His Majesty's Board of Ordnance at the same time had annulled the appointment of the Ordnance Storekeeper in India, His Excellency presumed that your Hon'ble Court had consented that the Military Boards at the different Presidencies should transact the whole business of the Department in this Country so far as regards his Majesty's Ships both with respect to supplies and Returns.

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No. 1 to 5

175. His Excellency therefore requested that we would give orders accordingly to the Military Board observing at the same time that nothing

more was required with respect to returned Stores than to give the Gunners of His Majesty's Ships proper Receipts for the Articles and after disposing of the stores at public Sale to the highest bidder, to remit the amount proceeds to your Hon'ble Court to be passed to the Credit of the Board of Ordnance.

176. We informed Admiral Rainier that our Instructions from your Hon'ble Court on this subject were confined to the supplying of Ordnance Stores for the use of His Majesty's Ships and prohibiting the reception of Old unserviceable Stores in part payment of the supplies, and that our orders to the Military Board who had repeatedly represented the great inconvenience occasioned by quantities of bulky Stores of various descriptions being left in the Arsenal by His Majesty's Naval Officers, have hitherto corresponded with these Instructions.

177. His Excellency however having stated that all Ordnance Stores left in the Arsenal from His Majesty's Ships may be disposed of at Public Sale the inconveniences above stated will be obviated. With a view therefore of promoting the Service of His Majesty's Ships, we gave orders for the reception into the Arsenal and disposal at Public sale of all such stores, and to carry the amount Sales to the Credit of the Board of Ordnance in the Accounts to be transmitted to your Hon'ble Court for adjustment with that Board.

178. We at the same time thought it proper to request that His Excellency would give orders to the Officers of His Majesty's Ships not to leave in the Arsenal any Stores which it is not intended should be disposed of in the manner abovementioned.

Cons. 16th July No. 16 & 17

179. Having no reason to expect that your Hon'ble Court will send out any Salt Provisions from Europe, we at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the Garrison Storekeeper to take measures for curing at the Bandel Farm 1200 Casks of Beef and 400 Casks of Pork during the ensuing Cold Season.

180. We likewise authorized the Board to compleat the proportion of Salt Provisions for the Depot in Fort William by purchases from expected Ships from Europe provided that the Provisions could be procured on reasonable Terms and that no Salt Provisions were sent out by your Hon'ble Court, with which request we complied under the foregoing conditions and provisions.

Cons. 16th July No. 23 & 24

181. At the recommendation of the Military Board, We authorized the construction of a Powder Magazine at the Station of Dinapore according to a Plan and Estimate by the Chief Engineer which they laid before us, restricting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 6,835-4 the amount of the Estimate.

182. We also authorized the construction of a Pucka Drain for the Barracks at Chunar, which was represented to be necessary for carrying off the Water, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 251-1-7 the estimated amount.

Cons. 23rd July No. 37 to 40

183. The Military Board represented to us the bad condition of the Roads at the Cantonment of Barrackpore, and stated the necessity of forming a Parade for the use of the Troops there. We authorized the Work recommended by that Board, limiting the Expense to the Estimates, which amount in the aggregate to Sa. Rs. 12,918-6-6.

Do. Do. No. 42

184. Having published an Advertisement (a copy of which is recorded on our Proceedings of the 4th of July last) for Proposals for providing the Cloathing of the Army for the Year 1798/9, the only Proposals made were from Mr. Andrew Kelso.

185. The Military Board in compliance with our orders laid before us a Comparative Statement prepared by the Military Auditor General of the rates offered by Mr. Kelso, the rates at which the Cloathing was made up last Year, and the rates at which the present muster Cloathing was prepared by Captain Mouggach, and as the result of the Comparative Statement exhibited such an increase of Expense as would in the opinion of the Board materially reduce the Incomes of the Senior Officers of the Army, they recommended, that an experiment should be made for one Year, in order to ascertain, whether a Plan of Agency might not be successfully adopted to the material advantage of the Off-reckoning Fund.

Cons. 20th Augt. No. 11 to 19

186. We were satisfied that the Military Board in pointing out the increase upon the present proposed rates and those of the last Year, and suggesting that the Cloathing should be furnished for One Year by an Agent were influenced by a due regard for the Interests of those Officers, a considerable portion of whose incomes arises from the savings of the Off-reckonings; but as the rates at which the Cloathing was furnished last Year were understood to have been very low and as the Military Board in drawing the comparison between those rates and the rates of the present Proposer, did not take into their consideration the increase upon the price of the Europe Cloths, which is stated to be nearly 16 per cent it appeared to us very doubtful whether such a saving would attend the adoption of Agency as to justify a deviation from established practice, and the Orders of your Hon'ble Court.

187. Besides, had the reasons for recommending the relinquishing the system of Contract and adopting that of Agency in the present instance been more obvious, we understood from His Excellency the Commander in Chief that there would be some difficulty in procuring immediately a proper person to conduct the Agency.

188. Under all the circumstances of the Case, we judged it most advisable to adhere to the Contract System, and as there did not appear to us

any objections to the Securities offered by Mr. Andrew Kelso, who will also have to make a deposit of 10,000 Rs. we accepted of his Proposals.

189. The Agent for the Captors of the La Forte having made an application to us to purchase the Ordnance and Stores of that Ship, we directed the Military Board, previous to our determining on that application to take *measures for having the whole of the stores carefully surveyed and valued.*

190. In compliance with these orders the Military Board laid before us two Survey Reports of the Ordnance and Stores, accompanied by a valuation of the Serviceable and repairable Articles, amounting in the whole to Sicca Rupees 30,253-7-9. This valuation is made according to the prices of similar Stores on the Books of the Arsenal Department, as far as these prices could be applied, and according to the current price of the place, for the Articles which do not appear in the Book of rates.

Cons. 1st Augt. No. 7 to 9

191. The Sale of Ordnance or Military Stores being prohibited in India, the Captors of La Forte had no means of disposing of the Articles in question which constituted a very considerable part of their capture.

192. Adverting to the important public benefits which resulted from the Capture of the La Forte, at the critical period at which she was taken, to the relief afforded by her Capture to the Trade of the Port, to the gallant conduct of the Captors, and to the good policy of giving every facility to the Captors of Ships of War of the Enemy in realizing the value of their Captures, we resolved to purchase on account of the Company, such of the Articles as were serviceable at the valuation fixed on them by the Military Board. The purchase will be attended with a very inconsiderable, if any, loss to the Company, whereas the injury to the Captors would have been very considerable if the Articles had been thrown on their hands, without their being permitted to dispose of them.

193. We have the honor to transmit a number in the Packet, a Duplicate copy of the Proceedings of the Military Board from the 26th April to the 30th October 1796, to replace those lost by the Capture of the Zephyr Packet.

Cons. 15th Augt. No. 10

194. The Military Board having represented to us the necessity of repairing the Roads within the Cantonments of Dinapore (the execution of which work we suspended on the 25th of February last, as noted in the 117th paragraph of this Letter, we complied with their recommendation, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 6,753-9-6 the estimated amount.

Cons. 15th Augt. No. 15 & 16

Board of Superintendence

195. On our proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a correspondence between the Board of Superintendence and Mr. Mallet, which took place in consequence of that Board having communicated to Mr. Mallet our Resolution (of

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which we advised your Hon'ble Court in the 138th paragraph of our Letter of the 24th of December last) that in addition to the Salary of 250 Rupees a Month originally granted him for his Services and the use of his Implements, &ca. he should receive a reward of 2,000 Rupees and that his Implements should be taken off his hands at 3,000 Rupees value.

196. Although Mr. Mallet was not satisfied with the sums offered, yet we could not admit he had any grounds for Complaint, and consequently adhered to our former Resolution, allowing him however to draw in addition to the above Sums a reasonable allowance for the hire of a Budgerow from Tirhoot to Calcutta.

197. On our Consultation of the annexed date is recorded an Extract of the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence, respecting the purchase of 40 Horses at the Dudery Fair, near Buxar, by the Superintendent from which it appears that 26 of the above number were tendered for the Cavalry, and that 22 of them after being Surveyed by a Committee, were received into the 4th Regiment of Cavalry. This experiment induces us to hope that in future Years greater numbers of Horses fit for the Cavalry may be obtained at the Duddery Fair.

Cons. 25th Feby.
No. 58 to 60

198. The Board of Superintendence recommended that we would authorize the Superintendent to make annual purchases of Horses for the Cavalry at the Fair, at the fixed price of 300 Sa. Rs. each, that six of the Horses which had been purchased, but which were not of the prescribed age for the Cavalry, but which had since grown to the standard height, should be retained at the Stud, and that the remaining Ten should be disposed of on the public Account.

199. Having referred the Papers to the Commander in Chief, he laid before us a Minute on the subject, to which we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court, only further observing, that agreeably to His Excellency's recommendations, We sanctioned the purchase of the 40 Horses, but declined authorizing the proposed annual purchases until it should be ascertained from the report of the Commanding Officer of the 4th Regiment of Cavalry, that the Horses which had been admitted, had answered for Cavalry Service; We also directed the Board of Superintedence to take immediate measures for disposing of the Horses which were not of the prescribed age and size, carying the proceeds of the Sale to the Credit of the Company.

200. The Board of Superintendence being of Opinion that the introduction into Bengal of a breed of good Milch Cows would prove of general advantage to the Country, and that the Cows might be brought out from England in the Company's Ships free of expense, we beg leave to recommend at the particular request of that Board, that two Bulls and six Cows either of the North

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Devon or Lancashire Breed may be sent out by the first convenient opportunity.

201. We have the honor to transmit a separate number in the Packet, the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence from the 1st January to the 30th of April last.

Cons. 3rd May
No. 12

202. We have the satisfaction to inform your Hon'ble Court that by a Report made to us by the Board of Superintendence and recorded on our Proceedings noted in the Margin, considerable success has already attended the new arrangement in the Zemindarry Department, by encreasing and improving the Breed of Horses in the Company's Provinces.

Cons. 1st Augt.
No. 16 & 17

203. The Board of Superintendence informed us that they had an opportunity of purchasing the English Horse "Capsicum" who, they were of opinion, would be a valuable acquisition to the Stud, particularly for crossing with the Arabian breed of Fillies, and requested that we would authorize the purchase at Sa. Rs. 4,000 with which we complied.

Cons. 1st Augt.
No. 19 & 20

Hospital Board

204. We beg leave to refer for the consideration and determination of your Hon'ble Court an application, recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, from the Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons doing duty with the Regiments of Native Cavalry, in which the former claim the Pay of Captains of Cavalry and the latter the Pay of Lieutenants of Cavalry.

Cons. 28th June
No. 1 to 3

205. As your Hon'ble Court in the Pay Table which accompanied the New Arrangements for the Army, of January 1796, specifically defined the Pay of Assistant Surgeons of Cavalry, and as you made no alteration in their Pay when you were pleased to allow a full Surgeon to each Regiment, we did not think proper to comply with the present application.

Military Auditor General

206. The orders of your Hon'ble Court in your Separate Letter of the 6th of June 1798, fix the rates of Passage Money from hence to Europe for Subaltern Officers, Assistant Surgeons, and Cadets, at Sa. Rs. 1,000. This sum exceeding that which is allowed by the Regulation for the superior rank of Major and Captain, the Military Auditor General submitted for our consideration the necessity of regulating the rate of Passage Money for the higher ranks conformably to the rates laid down by the orders of your Hon'ble Court of the 27th of July 1796, to which latter rates its appears the Commanders of your Ships consider themselves entitled.

Cons. 14th Jany
No. 15

207. The question whether the orders of July 1797, were meant to supersede your former orders on the same subject, has already been referred

to your Hon'ble Court, and we have determined to adhere to the former rates of Passage Money for the ranks of Captain and Major until your further pleasure shall be known.

208. In the event of its having been the intention of your Hon'ble Court that the orders of July 1797 should supersede your former orders on the same subject, we beg leave to recommend that the difference between the rates of Passage Money laid down by those orders be paid to the Commanders of Ships who may appear to be entitled to it.

Cons. 28th Jany. No. 14

209. The Military Auditor General informed us that Captain Lieutenant J. Collier of Artillery who had received our permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health, had made an application for the Passage Money usually granted to Subaltern Officers, and submitted the case for our decision.

210. Although Captain Lieutenants were not expressly mentioned in the Regulations adopted by us relative to Passage Money for Subaltern Officers, including Brevet Captains (which have been fully approved of by your Hon'ble Court in the 109th paragraph of your letter of the 6th of June 1798), yet as Captain Lieutenants draw only the Pay of Lieutenants we authorized the Military Auditor General to admit the sum allowed for the passage of a Subaltern Officer, for Captain Lieutenants, proceeding to Europe on Furlough on the prescribed Certificates of Sickness.

Cons. 28th Jany. No. 17

211. It appearing by a Report made to us by the Military Auditor General, that Captain Dance of the Hon'ble Company's Ship Lord Camden drew at this Presidency Passage Money to Europe on account of Lieutenant W. B. Nicolls of His Majesty's 72nd Regiment amounting to Sa. Rs. 816-9-3. We beg leave to recommend that Captain Dance be called upon to refund the amount, as Lieutenant Nicolls although originally ordered to proceed to Europe on the Camden, was prevented by sickness from availing himself of that opportunity, and afterwards proceeded on the Duke of Montrose, the Commander of which Ship was allowed Passage Money for Lieutenant Nicholls.

212. There being no Regulation expressly authorizing Passage Money to Officers permitted to retire to Europe in consequence of ill health, the Military Auditor General requested to be informed whether Passage Money was to be granted to Subaltern Officers in the above predicament. We did not consider it to have been the intention of your Hon'ble Court to extend the indulgence of Passage Money to Officers who retire from the Service and determined accordingly.

213. The Military Auditor General submitted for our decision in a Bill drawn by Major General Erskine for the difference between Cantonment and Field Tent allowance as a General on the Staff in consequence of his

having marched from Chunar and having been encamped in the vicinity of Benares.

214. The Military Auditor General also requested to be informed from what period Major General St. Leger, who had been ordered to proceed to the Field from the Station of Dinapore, and Major General Deare who had recently been ordered to Chittagong from the Presidency, were to be permitted to draw the Field Tent allowance.

215. The Military Auditor General at the same time stated it as his opinion that considering the allowance as granted not merely for the provision of Camp Equipage and carriage, but also for travelling expenses, it appeared to him a fair construction of your Orders that whenever a General Officer is travelling from one Station to another at his own expense upon the Public Service, and by an order of Government or of the Commander in Chief the additional or Field Tent allowance should be given to him, especially as every full Colonel on the Establishment who moves on the Public Service, receives an allowance in lieu of Budgerows and Boats of 930 Rupees per Month, which approaches nearly to the greatest sum allowed to a General Officer on the Staff for that purpose as well as for the provision of his Camp Equipage.

216. With a view to define more particularly the situations which are to entitle General Officers on the Staff to receive the encreased allowance for the provision of Camp Equipage, Carriage and Travelling Expenses, and to preclude further references on the subject, we resolved that the encreased allowance should be granted whenever the nature of the Service on which a General Officer shall be ordered, either requires him to encamp immediately or to make provision for encamping upon his joining any part of the Army which might then actually be employed in the Field.

217. This construction of your orders of the 8th of January 1796, we considered as consistent with the intentions of your Hon'ble Court; and we authorized the Military Auditor General to apply it to the several cases submitted in his Letter.

218. For our Resolutions at large upon this subject, and the Military Auditor General's Letter, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the 20th May.

Cons. 20th May No. 29 & 30

219. The Military Auditor General submitted for our decision an application made to him by Colonel J. McDonald, Colonel of the 15th Regiment of Native Infantry and at present holding the command of that Regiment, requesting to be informed whether he should forfeit the Table Allowance in the event of his availing himself of permission given him by the Commander in Chief to be absent from his Regiment on his private affairs.

Cons. 9th July No. 6 to 9

220. Adverting to the principle upon which Table Allowance was established, and which is so clearly recognized and defined in the 124th paragraph

of the Letter from your Hon'ble Court of the 10th of April 1771, to our Resolutions of the 12th of June 1797, by which the Table Allowance is expressly restricted to Colonels of King's and Company's Regiments and of Battalions of Artillery, when doing duty with their Regiments or Battalions; and also to the Minute of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General recorded on our Proceedings in the Secret Department of the 30th November 1798 which states that one of his Lordship's principal inducement in continuing the Table allowance, was to enable the Colonels of Regiments to defray the Expense to which they are subject by entertaining their Officers, and it being obvious that the Colonels of Regiments when absent from their Corps either on their private affairs or from Sickness will not be subject to that expense, We for these reasons, as well as to avoid holding out encouragement to Officers to quit their duty, had no hesitation in resolving that Table allowance shall not be granted to Colonels of Regiments when absent from their Corps, provided such absence extends beyond muster.

221. The Table allowance being in no instance given to any Officer but to Colonels of Regiments, it will of course during their absence from their Corps, be a saving to the Company.

Cons. 6th Augt. No. 4

222. We have the satisfaction to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Military Accounts of Disbursements of all the Paymasters under this Presidency from the 1st May 1798 to the 30th of April 1799, were audited on the 2d of August, with the exception of the Accounts of the Paymaster at Prince of Wales's Island, some of which had not reached the Office of Audit.

Military Paymaster General

Cons. 6th May No. 32 to 37

223. We have the satisfaction to acquaint your Hon'ble Court that the Military Paymaster General laid before us a Statement of the Fees Collected on the King's Brevet Commissions, which have been received at different times from your Hon'ble Court, by which it appears that the Fees of the whole of the Commissions amounted to St. Rs. 31,805-15-4, of which he had realized 27,502-5-9, that Commissions, the Fees on which amounted to St. Rs. 3,023-9-7, still remained in his Office, and that Fees amounting to 1,280, were in the hands of the different Paymasters of Stations.

224. A great part of the Commissions, the Fees for which have not been realized, are for Officers who died before the Commissions reached this Country. These Commissions have been lodged for the present in the Secretary's Office.

Appointments

Cons. 21st Jany. No. 12

225. In obedience to the orders contained in the 12th paragraph of your Letter of the 2nd of March 1798, Mr. Arthur Hamilton has been appointed a conductor of Ordnance.

226. We have appointed Brevet Captain John Burnet Interpreter to Courts Martial within the Provinces in the room of Captain D. T. Richardson who has proceeded to Europe.

Cons. 8th March
No. 3

227. Captain W. D. Fawcett having resigned the Post of Major of Brigade to the Cavalry we appointed Lieutenant Hugh Rose of that Corps Major of Brigade to the Cavalry with the Official Rank of Captain in the room of Captain Fawcett.

Cons. 20th May
No. 10

228. We are concerned to acquaint your Hon'ble Court with the death of Lieutenant Colonel Black, who had been ordered to repair to the Presidency to succeed Lieutenant Colonel Scott in the Office of Adjutant General. The circumstances which deprived you of that valuable Officer are detailed in a Minute from the Commander in Chief recorded on the 1st July.

Cons. 1st July
No. 1

229. In consequence of the death of Lieutenant Colonel Black, we have appointed Major John Darby, the late Deputy Adjutant General, to be Adjutant General with the Official Rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

230. Lieutenant Colonel Darby being at present on duty in the Field, we have nominated Captain W. Sandys to act as Adjutant General until the arrival of Lieutenant Colonel Darby.

231. Circumstances rendering it advisable that Lieutenant Colonel Scott's appointment to the Residency of Lucknow, and consequently Lieutenant Colonel Black's nomination to succeed him, should be kept secret, Colonel Black's nomination was not recorded or published. But as he was ordered to repair to the Presidency to succeed to the Office of Adjutant General from the date of Colonel Scott's removal, and as he lost his life from his Zeal to comply with the orders which he had received to repair to the Presidency with all practicable expedition, We determined that Colonel Black's Heirs should be allowed to draw the Salary of Adjutant General from the date of Lieutenant Colonel Scott's removal, to the date of Lieutenant Colonel Black's death.

Furloughs, Retiring & Resignations

232. Lieutenant Colonel S. Cox has proceeded to Europe on Furlough on account of his private affairs.

Cons. 4th Jany.
No. 5 & 6

233. Mr. J. Harcourt Conductor of Ordnance who had obtained our permission to retire from the service upon the pension equivalent to St. Rs. 50 Per Month as advised in the 128th paragraph of our Letter of the 28th of August 1797, having from ill health, and not having the means of providing a passage to Europe for himself and his family been prevented from proceeding at that time according to his wishes and intentions, we agreed in consideration of the circumstances of his case to permit him to

draw his Pay in India until he could procure a passage for himself and family to Europe, provided the period did not extend beyond the 1st of January 1799.

234. On the 4th of January we had before us an application from Mr. Harcourt for an advance of Six Months pay to enable him to defray part of the necessary expenses which he must unavoidably incur in procuring comfortable accommodation for himself and family and in providing for the voyage.

Cons: 4th Jany. No. 16 & 18

235. The Orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in the 88th paragraph of your Separate Letter of the 6th of June 1798 prohibiting the indulgence of retiring to Europe to Conductors of Ordnance, having arrived and having been promulgated before Mr. Harcourt had quitted this Country, we directed Mr. Harcourt to be informed that he could not be allowed to benefit of the indulgence granted by our former Resolutions.

236. In consideration however of the circumstances of his situation, and particularly of leave having actually been granted to Mr. Harcourt to retire to Europe upon the pension, before the arrival of the orders of your Hon'ble Court of the abovementioned date; and as it appeared that he had actually made an agreement for his own passage and that of his family on board of the Duke of Montrose and his health being such as would not permit of his continuing longer in India without risking his life, we were induced to grant him the sum of 300 Rupees to be accounted for in England to assist him in defraying the necessary expenses in preparing for the voyage.

237. We thought it proper however to inform Mr. Harcourt that his going to Europe must be at his own risk, and that it would remain with your Hon'ble Court to determine whether your late orders should be applied to his case or not, and of course whether he should be allowed to retire on the Pension or otherwise.

238. Considering the peculiar and distressing circumstances of Mr. Harcourt's Case, and as it appears that he has served the Company faithfully for the space of Twenty eight Years, we are induced to recommend his Case to the favorable consideration of your Hon'ble Court.

239. Lieutenant N. T. Showers of the Madras Establishment has been permitted to proceed to Europe from hence on account of Sickness.

Cons. 11th Jany. No. 6 to 9

240. Captain John Owen, Captain Lieutenant J. Collier, and Lieutenant Raban of Artillery have been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of their health.

Do. Do.

241. Lieutenant Colonel T. Welsh has had permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Do. Do.

242. Brevet Captain P. Scott has been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons. 14th Jany.
Nos. 5—7

243. Major Joseph Channing has proceeded on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons. 21st Jany.
Nos. 13—15

244. Captain J. Lawtie has received permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough on his private affairs.

Do. Do.
Nos. 16 & 17

245. Lieutenant Colonel Bateman and Captain D. T. Richardson have received permission to proceed to Europe on Certificates of Sickness.

246. Lieutenant Colonel Bateman finding his health considerably restored on his arrival at Ceylon on his passage to Europe, returned to his duty and has in consequence been directed by the Commander in Chief to join his Corps.

Cons. 8th April
No. 1

247. We have permitted Lieutenant John Carruthers to retire from your service on half Pay in conformity to the indulgence given in 100th paragraph of your Separate Letter of the 6th of June 1798.

Cons. 28 Jany.
No. 8 to 31

248. Lieutenant Carruthers having served the required period, and furnished an ample Certificate from the Medical Department regarding the State of his health. At the suggestion however of the Commander in Chief, who stated that Lieutenant Carruthers being the 4th Lieutenant in a Regiment, and there being no Ensign present to succeed to the vacancy, there could be no occasion to require any declaration relative to payments of Money or offers of payment to induce him to retire, we accordingly dispensed with the declaration in the present instance.

Cons. 4th Feby.
Nos. 11 to 13

249. We have permitted Lieutenant Thomas Fulton, at his own request, to resign your Service.

Cons. 15th Feby.
No. 6 & 7

250. Major General Hussey has our permission to return to Europe for the recovery of his health.

Do. Do.
No. 8 to 13

251. We have given permission to Captain Radcliffe to proceed to Europe on Furlough on a Certificate of Sickness.

Cons. 22d Feby.
No. 1 to 3

252. We have permitted Lieutenant Colonel Hyndman to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons. 27th August

Miscellanea

253. In reply to the 42d paragraph of your letter of the 23rd May 1798 We beg leave to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Monthly instalments in liquidation of the debt due by the late Paymaster Mr. R. Holt have been regularly paid by the Securities and that the amount received from them on the 30th

Cons. 13th Augt.
No. 22

of April last since the commencement of the stoppages in October 1796 was Sa. Rs. 72,443-9-5 Vizt. from Mr. Bathurst Sa. Rs. 36,276-14-10 and from Mr. Arbuthnot Sa. Rs. 36,166-10-7.

254. At the request of Mr. Gilbert McLeod Surgeon at Tipperah, we permitted him to relinquish the Rank of full Surgeon and to remain in his present Situation as an Assistant Surgeon in the same manner as if his promotion had not taken place.

ons. 21st Jany.
No. 9 to 11

255. We thought it proper to direct Mr. McLeod to refund the difference between the pay and allowances of an Assistant Surgeon and those of a full Surgeon which he had drawn, and to declare in public Orders that Mr. McLeod is to have no pretensions in future to promotion or to Military claims of any kind.

256. Mr. William Davidson Surgeon at Sylhet and Mr. C. Todd Surgeon at Rungpore have also at their own request been permitted to relinquish the rank of full Surgeon on the same terms and conditions as Mr. McLeod.

Cons. 8th March
No 9 to 12

257. Captain J. Owen on his return from the Recruiting service at the Cape of Good Hope having applied through the Commander in Chief for some allowance in addition to his ordinary allowances, both as a reward for his Services whilst employed on the abovementioned duty, and for defraying the unavoidable expense to which he was exposed, we agreed at the recommendation of the Commander in Chief (who was himself a witness of Captain Owen's zeal and activity at the Cape), that an allowance of 200 Rupees a Month should be made to Captain Owen from the time of his Embarkation for the purpose of Recruiting until his return to Bengal, for his personal trouble and for covering all contingent expenses for Writers, Stationary &ca. &ca.

Cons. 4th Feby.
No. 1 to 3

258. We received from the Adjutant General various papers relative to claims preferred by certain Invalids in the Zillah of Bahar to Sums of money as a compensation for indemnification for having been put on reduced pay before they were in possession of the full proportion of the lands of their respective Jagheers.

Cons. 11th Feby.
No. 3 to 6

259. The papers relative to the claims being voluminous and the subject of a complicated nature, the Commander in Chief caused a summary to be drawn up exhibiting in as brief a manner as possible the foundation of the claims, the causes of the delay in giving the Invalids possession of their proportions of land, and the aggregate amount of the claims; and we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings of the annexed date for the Summary as well as our Resolutions at large on the claims.

260. We shall here only observe that from considerations of humanity and policy, and with a view to relieve the invalids from the very distressing

situation to which they were reduced, we resolved that a compensation in Money not exceeding 19,320 Rupees, the amount claimed, should be made to them and distributed by the Regulating Officer under such rules and directions as the Commander in Chief might think proper to prescribe to him.

261. We have granted an Allowance of 20 Rupees a Month, to the Serjeant who Superintends the Hospital for Insane Native Soldiers at Mongheer.

Cons. 11th Feby. No. 9

262. Mr. Charles Ogilvey Surgeon of the Madras Establishment having come to Bengal under a Certificate of Sickness with the eventual permission of that Government to proceed from hence to Europe, and having solicited from us the usual advance of Six Months pay previous to his Embarkation, we complied with his request.

Cons. 8th March No. 5 to 8

263. We received through the Military Paymaster General an address from Captain Shuldham Barrackmaster at the Station of Barrampore, respecting a claim made by the former upon the latter for the sum of 4,000 Rupees in consequence of a double charge which appears in the Accounts of the late Mr. Smith while Deputy Paymaster at that Station.

Cons. 11th March No. 9 to 28

264. Captain Shuldham as Barrackmaster was directed in the Year 1795 to have a number of Doors made up for the Quarters at Barrampore, the Bill for which after the completion of the Work amounted to Sicca Rupees 5,188-8. It appears that on the 8th of July 1795, Captain Shuldham received on account of these Doors an advance of Sicca Rupees 3,700, and on the 14th of August following a further advance on the same account of Sicca Rupees 300 making together Sicca Rupees 4,000.

265. Captain Shuldham's Bill for the whole charge (Sa. Rs. 5,188-8) after being Audited, stands in the Paymaster's Accounts as having been paid in July 1796, but Captain Shuldham by his own Account then received only the balance due on the work, that is, the difference between the amount of the advances and the amount of his Bill, Vizt. Rupees 1,188-8 Captain Shuldham consequently declined complying with the demand from the Pay Department which was certainly warranted on the part of the Paymaster General from the Entries in the late Mr. Smith's Accounts.

266. Having obtained the Report of the Military Auditor General on the circumstances stated by Captain Shuldham, we referred the whole of the Papers to the Advocate General and directed him to state what measures it would be most advisable to adopt with a view to securing the Company against any loss on this occasion.

267. The Advocate General informed us,

First, that there was sufficient evidence to them, that Captain Shuldham ought not be charged with the 4,000 Rupees received as advances, if he is charged with the whole amount of the Bill he

delivered, being Sica Rupees 5,188-8, in as much as the balances remaining on that bill after deducting the 4,000 Rupees advanced, and no more than that balance appears to have been paid him in discharge of the Bill.

Secondly. That the only measure which it was necessary for the present to adopt with a view of preventing any loss to the Company was that of debiting the Sureties of late Mr. Smith with the amount of the abovementioned sum of 4,000 Rupees and directing the Stoppages now made from the allowances of Major Carnegie one of those Sureties to be continued until the demand of the Company on account of that sum shall have been satisfied or until those stoppages shall amount to the sum for which Judgment has been obtained in the Supreme Court against Major Carnegie at the Suit of the Company.

268. We accordingly ordered that Captain Shuldham should not be charged with the sum of 4,000 Rupees which stands against him in the Accounts of the late Mr. Smith, and gave directions for carrying into effect the measures advised by the Advocate General for securing the Hon'ble Company from loss.

269. We have the satisfaction to inform your Hon'ble Court that this Year we shall be able to furnish the Presidency of Bombay with the usual annual supply of 50,000 Gallons of Rum from the producer of your Distillery at Mirzapore, and we trust at a cheaper rate than it could have been procured by Contractor by purchase from Individuals.

Cons. 18 March No. 34 & 35

270. We have the honor to transmit a separate minute in the Packet a Duplicate List of Children of Non-Commissioned Officers and Private Europeans of the Bengal Army, for whom the General Management have received the Hon'ble Company's Allowance for the year 1796. The original of this List was sent on the Zephyr.

Cons. 22d April No. 46

271. Mr. J. A. Grant, Security for Mr. Robert Grant late Field Paymaster to the amount of Sa. Rs. 10,000 having stated his inability to discharge the demand which we made upon him, and having at the same time made an offer of furnishing us with Bills upon his Brother in London, annually for the Sum of 100 £ We acceded to his proposal, but without relinquishing the claim of the Company upon himself, should we find him at any time capable of liquidating the Debt.

Cons. 20th May No. 61

272. We transmit one of the first Set of Bills drawn by Mr. J. A. Grant a number in the Packet.

273. In order that your Hon'ble Court may be fully acquainted with the circumstances of Mr. Grant's case, and the motives which induced us to accede to his proposal, We also transmit a number in the Packet Copies

of letters from Mr. Grant and the Advocate General, recorded on our Proceedings of the 15th October last.

274. We appointed a Committee composed of Mr. John Bebb, and Lieutenant Colonels S. Dyer and William Scott for the purpose of Superintending the late Embarkations of the Troops for the Coast from this Presidency, and we have the satisfaction to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Public Service was greatly promoted by the Zealous attention of the Committee to the business committed to their charge.

275. Some complaints of the badness of the Water which was shipped for the use of His Majesty's 33d Regiment during the passage to Fort St. George, were laid before us by His Excellency the Commander in Chief. Deeming it of the highest importance that good and wholesome provisions and Water should be laid in for the use of the Troops both Europeans and Natives, proceeding by Sea, and it appearing from the Complaints, that Several of the Men had fallen Sick in consequence of the badness of the Water, we directed the Committee to investigate in the fullest manner, the cause of the badness of the Water with a view of enabling us to give such directions as would prevent a like occurence in future.

276. The Committee after examining the best evidence that could be obtained on the occasion, laid before us their proceedings with a copy of a letter from the Medical Board whose opinion they had taken as to the cause of the Sickness of the Men of the 33rd Regiment during their passage to Madras.

277. The Medical Board were fully of opinion that the diseases which took place in the Regiment could not with propriety be attributed to the badness of the Water; and that the same diseases might have occurred if Thames Water, or any other Water, had been used.

278. The Medical Board attributed the Sickness of the Regiment partly to the unfavourableness of the Season for Embarkation, and partly to the circumstances of sending Men on Board of Ship whilst labouring under disease.

279. At the recommendation of the Committee and the Medical Board, we adopted and published in orders some Regulations with a view to preserve the health of Troops proceeding from this Presidency by Sea.

Cons. 24th June No. 26 to 30

280. For the proceedings of the Committee and the Regulations abovementioned we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings noted in the Margin, and shall only further observe that from the result of the enquiry we were satisfied that no blame was imputable on the occasion to the Garrison Store Keeper from whose Department the provisions and Water were shipped.

Cons. 4th July Nos. 10 & 11

281. In consequence of a Report upon the present bad state of the Saddles of the 3d Regiment of Cavalry, laid before us by the Commander in Chief, we authorized at the recommendation of His Excellency a new set of Saddles

to be made for that Regiment in order to put it in a condition for any Service on which it may eventually be ordered after the Rains.

282. In again repeating our solicitation the following considerations render it a duty incumbent on us, to renew our former urgent recommendations that your Hon'ble Court will send out European made Saddles for the Cavalry.

283. Experience has shown that Saddles made in the Country either from defects in their construction or from the quality of the materials, subject you to very heavy expense, as well from the necessity of their frequent renewal as from the injuries which they occasion to the Horses. These Saddles cannot be relied on in a protracted Campaign and the most serious evils to the Service are to be apprehended from the use of them.

284. In consideration therefore of the many disadvantages which result to the service from a perseverance in the use of Country Saddles, and with a view to economy as well as to the efficiency in this useful and expensive branch of your Military Establishment, we beg leave to repeat our recommendation, that you will send out as early as possible at least two thousand sets of Cavalry Saddles and Bridles complete, and that you will also keep up this stock by an annual supply of at least one thousand Saddles and Bridles.

285. On our Proceedings of the annexed date is recorded a Letter from the Military Board on the above subject, wherein they request that we will again in the strongest manner recommend a compliance with the Indents for Europe saddles and Furniture for the use of the Cavalry.

Cons. 9th July
No. 14 & 15

286. We have the honor to forward a number in the Packet a List of the Children of Non Commissioned Officers and Private Europeans for the Year 1798 specifying the Casualties that have occurred during the Year and distinguishing the Orphans from those Children whose Fathers are living.

Cons. 4th July
No. 28

287. Your Attorney Mr. William Jackson having reported to us the release of William Hill from the Custody of the Sheriff, we gave orders for the said Hill being seized and confined in Garrison where he now is. It is our intention in obedience to the orders of your Hon'ble Court in the 30th Paragraph of your letter of the 5th of August 1796, to send William Hill to Europe on board of the Osterley.

Cons. 27th Augt.
No. 55 & 56

We have the honor to be &ca.

Fort William
29th August 1799.
[Per *Alligator*]

Signed Alured Clarke
" Peter Speke
William Cowper

LETTER DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 1799

Passage money claimed by Lt.-Fireworker Hay—repair and construction of military works.

Military Department

TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 29th of August last. Copies of our Proceedings subsequent to the above date to the 12th of September accompany this Letter.

2. We have had the honour to receive your Letter of the 17th of April 1799, to which we shall now reply.

Para 1. Noticing the date of the last Letter from the Court.	3. This Paragraph requires no reply.
2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7. Permitting several Officers to return to the Service—Appointing some Assistant Surgeons—Approving of Mr. William Tutin having been employed, and appointing him an Assistant Surgeon, to take rank under all the Europe appointments of last Season, and appointing Messrs. James Barber and Patrick Dunbar Cadets, provisionally.	4. These paragraphs have been published in orders to the Army. 5. We are happy that the employment of Mr. Tutin has met with your approbation.

6. The Military Auditor General submitted to us a claim made by Lieutenant Fireworker Samuel Sinclair Hay (who has lately returned from Europe) for the difference between the sum drawn by that Officer for Passage Money when he left Bengal for Europe in December 1796, and the sum now established for the Passage Money of Subalterns in conformity to the Orders contained in the General Letter from your Hon'ble Court of the 6th of June 1798.

Consn: 5th Septr. No. 3 & 4

7. The orders of your Hon'ble Court above quoted were not promulgated here until the 30th of November last, and as it is not clear to us that your Hon'ble Court intended that these Orders should have a retrospective operation, and that the increased sum allowed to Subaltern Officers for defraying the Expense of their Passage to Europe should be given to Officers who had

actually quitted India previous to the promulgation of the Order, we determined not to comply for the present with Lieutenant Fireworker Hay's application, but to refer the question to your Hon'ble Court.

8. As it is probable that many applications similar to that above noticed will be made to us by Subaltern Officers returning from Europe, We beg leave to solicit an early reply to this reference.

Consn: 5th Septr. No. 6 to 9

9. The Military Board represented to us the necessity of adding two Stalls to each of the Ranges of Stables belonging to the 2d Regiment of Cavalry at Cawnpore, and recommended that we would authorize the Work. We complied with this recommendation, restricting the Expense of the Work to Sa. Rs. 2,463-8-2 the estimated amount.

Consn : 5th Septr. No. 22 to 26 & 29 to 35

10. At the recommendation of the Military Board we also authorized some Repairs to the Armoury at Mongheer, and the construction of a small Pucka Building at Dacca for the purpose of containing the Ammunition of the Battalion there, limiting the Expense of the former to Sa. Rs. 1506, and of the latter to Sa. Rs. 1496.

Consn. 10th Septr. No. 18

11. We have the honor to transmit a number in the Packet an Account of deficiencies of the Military Stores landed from the Contractor, Captain Henry Hughes Commander.

Consn. 12th Septr. No. 1

12. We have permitted Lieutenant G. Money to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

13. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Barrackmaster at Barrackpore to take measures for repairing the Road leading from Calcutta to Barrackpore.

Consn: 12th Septr. No. 14 to 16 22 to 26

14. At the recommendation of the Military Board we also authorized the following Works, *Vizt.*

Repairing the Store Rooms at Midnapore, at the expense of Sa. Rs. 448-1-6.

Repairing the Artificer's Work Shops at Dum Dum at the expense of Sa. Rs. 1,202-12.

The construction of 18 Wooden Horses for the Regimental Store Rooms at Barrackpore at the expense of Sa. Rs. 328.

Consn. 12th Septr. No. 44 & 41

15. At the request of the Board of Superintendence we authorized them to purchase for the use of the Studd, the English Horse "Terror" the property of the late General St. Leger for a sum not exceeding Sicca Rupees 1000.

16. Observing that our Resolutions of the 12th of September 1796 in consequence of the final Report of the Committee which adjusted the distribution of the Rohilla Donation of 1774, have not been noticed in our former

letters, to your Hon'ble Court, We have the honor to transmit a number in the present Packet Copies of the Report and Resolutions, and beg leave to request the Instructions of your Hon'ble Court respecting the payment of the unclaimed and forfeited shares for the benefit of the Orphan Institution.

We have the honor to be &ca.
Signed Alured Clarke
" Peter Speke
" William Cowper.

Fort William
the 12th September 1799.
[Per *Alligator*]

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LETTER DATED 24 OCTOBER 1799

Enquiry regarding exchange of French prisoners of war in India.

To

William Ramsay Esqre.
Secretary to the Hon'ble Court of Directors.

Sir,

The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council adverting to the great expense unavoidably incurred for the maintenance and Cloathing of the French Prisoners of War at the different Presidencies, His Lordship in Council has directed me to request you will express to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors his wish to be informed, whether the Cartel respecting Prisoners of War which has lately been established between England and France, applies to this Country, and whether any mode has been settled for adjusting the Accounts of expenses incurred by the two Nations, on account of the Prisoners of War in India.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient,
humble Servant
G. H. Barlow
Secy. to the Govt.

Fort William,
24th October 1799.
[Overland]

LETTER DATED 31 DECEMBER 1799

Distribution of Chinsura prize money—supply of older rum for Madras recommended—allowances of brevet ranks—Board recommends immediate filling up of vacancies caused by retirement, etc. of officers in Europe—construction of cavalry cantonment at Ghazipur—manufacture of elevating screws for guns—construction and repair of military works—appointments, resignation and furlough—increased allowances to captains of ships for victualling troops of abroad—furlough rule for chaplains.

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors.

Hon'ble Sirs,

Our last address to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 12th of September 1799. Copies of our Proceedings from that date to the 31st December 1799, accompany this Letter.

2. We have had the honour to receive your Letter of the 29th of May 1799, to which we shall now reply.

Answer to the Letter from the Hon'ble Court
dated the 29th of May 1799

Para. 1. Date of the Court's last Letter.

3. This paragraph requires no reply.

Para. 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6. Respecting the Prize Money arising from the Capture of Chinsurah in the Year 1781. Advising that the claim made by His Majesty's Naval Officers to share in the Booty had been admitted, and a very considerable Sum of Money paid into the Admiralty Court on account of these Officers-directing that one half of the remainder, Vizt. Ct. Rs. 4,16,450, be paid to the Officers and Troops employed against Chinsurah or to their legal representatives.

The mode of distribution to be determined by the Governor General in Council according to the usual practice of the Service.

4. We shall take the subject of these paragraphs into consideration as early as possible and shall hereafter have the honor of reporting to your Hon'ble Court our Proceedings respecting it.

The Shares to be paid from the Treasury to the respective Claimants when their claims are established and referring the claims of General Stibbert to share in the Prize Money to the Governor General in Council.

7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15. Stating that the annual Long Rolls of the European Soldiers have not been regularly transmitted, and that those which have been received are not to be depended upon in respect to the number of Casualties that the Rolls are greatly defective in regard to numbers pointing out an alteration in the mode of making out the Rolls. Directing that Quarterly Returns of the Casualties be sent to England, with the alterations in the European Invalids.

5. We have furnished the Town Major with Copies of these paragraphs, and directed him to pay particular attention to the making out of the annual Long Rolls of the European Soldiers as well as the Quarterly Returns and alterations in the European Invalids.

6. We have also furnished His Excellency the Commander in Chief with copies of these paragraphs, and requested that he would issue such orders to the Officers Commanding Stations and Corps, as may be necessary, to enable the Town Major to prepare the Rolls and Casualty Lists in the manner prescribed by your Hon'ble Court.

16. Desiring that the Lists of European Soldiers returning to Europe as Charter Party Passengers may describe distinctly of what denomination the men consist.

7. We shall pay particular attention to the directions contained in this paragraph.

17. Advising that under the peculiar situation of Messrs. Bathurst and Arbuthnot as Securities for the late Paymaster Holt, the Court think them entitled to some relief— Directing that Messrs. Bathurst and Arbuthnot be exonerated from their Engagements after they shall have paid the sum of Ct. Rs. 20,000.

8. We have furnished the proper Officers with Copies of this paragraph, and directed them to take the necessary steps for having whatever sums may have been paid by Messrs. Bathurst and Arbuthnot above 20,000 Ct. Rs. repaid to them without Interest.

18. Advising of several Officers who had been permitted to return to their duty in India without prejudice to their rank.

9. These paragraphs have been published for the Information of the Army, and your orders respecting Mr. Steel have been carried into effect.

19. Mentioning that Mr. Suetonius Henry Todd had been conditionally appointed a Cadet for Bengal.

20. One hundred Cadets appointed for the Infantry in addition to the number formerly mentioned.

21. Containing the names of several Officers permitted to remain in England till next Season.

22. Directing that Mr. George Steel shall take rank above Ensign Mc. Leod in the Corps of Engineers.

23. Names of two Assistant Surgeons appointed for Bengal.

24. Advising that the remainder of the Cadets for Bengal will be sent on the China and Bombay Ships, and that directions had been sent to those places to cause them to proceed without delay to their duty—a Sum not exceeding 20 £ to be paid for the Passage of each.

10. We have directed the Military Auditor General to be furnished with a copy of this paragraph for his Information and guidance as to the Passage Money.

25. Stating that His Royal Highness the Commander in Chief had offered a Plan for furnishing the Company with Recruits from those enlisted by His Majesty for General Service, and that the Draft of a Bill for carrying the same into effect was now before Parliament. That His Royal Highness in the mean time in compliance with the solicitation of the Court, had consented to furnish a number of Recruits for the several Presidencies —the terms of Service 10 Years.

11. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.

26. Signifying that the Court would reply to several Letters from hence.

12. Requires no reply.

27. . . . .

13. These paragraphs require no reply.

28. Advising that Mr. Mc.-Naghten's claim to the Office of Deputy Paymaster to the King's Troops had been submitted to the consideration of His Majesty's Paymaster General.

29. . . . .

30. Approving of the New Establishment of the Arsenal Magazine and Field Train, also of the Arrangement for forming the Artificers in Fort William into a Corps of Pioneers.

14. We are happy to observe that the measures alluded to in this paragraph have met with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

31. Directing that at the conclusion of the War, the additional allowance for a Table to the Officer Commanding at Prince of Wales's Island be discontinued.

15. On reference to the 87th paragraph of our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 13th of March 1797, you will observe that the allowance of (300 Rupees Pr. Month) was given "on consequence of the very heavy expense to which the Officer Commanding at Prince of Wales's Island is unavoidably subject, by the great resort of Strangers to that Island, the very high price of the Articles required for a Table, and his Situation of Commandant of the Troops," and not upon any grounds of a temporary nature the existence of which is likely to cease with the termination of the War.

16. We shall however take the subject into consideration whenever the War shall be concluded.

32. Respecting the enclosing of the Verandahs of the Artillery Barracks at Cawnpore.

33 & 34 . . . .

17. These paragraphs require no reply.

35. Approving of the Proceedings respecting the Allowance to Surgeons of Ships—and desiring that it may be considered as a general rule in future to pay the Surgeons of the Company's regular and extra Ships the usual Head Money.

18. We are happy to find that the Proceedings noticed in this paragraph have received the approbation of your Hon'ble Court—Your orders in the concluding part of the paragraph will be duly attended to.

36 & 37. Respecting the publication of the List of Claimants in the Rohilla Donation of 1774—and directing that the Interest hitherto allowed upon the Reserved Fifth which was claimed in due time shall be discontinued.

19. We have, in Compliance with the Orders of your Hon'ble Court, given directions to allow no more Interest to the Orphan Institution upon the Reserved Fifth of the Donation alluded to in this Paragraph.

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20. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has informed us that in consequence of several Officers having retired from the Service of the Company, as advised in a late Letter from your Hon'ble Court, he deems it necessary to bring the subject relative to the period from which the Vacancies shall be filled up again under our consideration, with a view to submit the matter for the reconsideration of your Hon'ble Court.

39. Stating, that the Court's Resolution respecting the dates of Promotion in consequence of Officers retiring from the Service had already been communicated, and that the Hon'ble Court saw no reason to alter that Resolution.

21. We shall hereafter have the honour of replying more fully to this paragraph.

40, 41 & 42................

22. These Paragraphs require no reply.

43. Officers promoted whilst in England on Furlough to receive the Pay of their advanced rank from the dates of promotion, also Officers on Furlough who shall signify their intention of retiring within the prescribed period, shall, when permitted to retire, be allowed the Pay of the rank to which they shall have been promoted during their absence.

23. This paragraph has been published in Orders for the information of the Army.

44. Respecting the appointment of Paymaster with the Detachment at Hyderabad.

24. Requires no reply.

45. Noticing that the expenditures upon Military Buildings amount annually to a very considerable sum—and expressing a reliance that such Disbursements will not be

25. We have furnished the Military Board with a copy of this paragraph.

26. We beg leave to assure your Hon'ble Court that every

authorized, but under a thorough conviction of their indispensible necessity.

46. Commending the precaution observed in the mode established for supplying the Presidency of Bombay with Rum.

47, 48, 49, 50.............

51. Approving of Lieutenant Colonels Baillie and Scott having been allowed the Pay of the rank to which they had been advanced during their absence, from the date of their arrival in Bengal.

52 & 53. The Pay allowed to General Duff upon his return to Bengal.

54 & 55. Respecting the Rates of Pay fixed for His Majesty's 27th Regiment of Dragoons.

56 to 59. Approving of the Company's allowances having been given to the 27th Dragoons, 33d & 78th Regiments from the date of their arrival at the first Port in India—Additional Dooleys allowed for the 4th and 10th Regiments—Ensign Wilson considered with respect to allowances as an Officer absent by permission on Sickness Certificate.

60. ....

61. Are of opinion that the Commissary of Stores being Agent for the provision of Gun Carriages, is totally incompatible with the principles of existing Regulations.

possible regard to Economy consistent with the Public Service will be observed with regard to disbursements on account of Public Buildings.

27. Your Hon'ble Court will find from the Accounts and Statements required by the Orders of the Governor General in Council of the 31st December that this subject has attracted our particular attention.

28. We are happy to find that the Arrangement alluded to in this paragraph has met the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

29. Require no reply.

30. We are happy to observe that our Resolutions on this occasion corresponded with the Intentions of your Hon'ble Court.

31. Require no reply.

32. We have furnished the Military Auditor General with a copy of this paragraph.

33. We are happy that the measures alluded to in these paragraphs have met with your approbation.

34. Requires no reply.

35. We shall take the Subject of this paragraph into early consideration, with a view of ascertaining the best mode of providing Gun Carriages.

62. . . . .

63. Observing that in the stipulations for providing Rum for Fort St. George, the Spirits are required to be at least *four Months from the Still* when Shipped and that a further quantity of Rum had been authorized for Bombay deliverable when the former quantity shall have been *Twelve Months in Store*—and recommending, with a view to the health of the Madras Soldiery, a similar Stipulation with respect to the Supplies of Rum for that Presidency.

64 & 65. Passage Money to Subaltern Officers.

66. The Subaltern Officer Cadets of 1782, promoted to the rank of Captains by Brevet, from the 8th of January 1798.

67. Adverting to the Orders in the Letter of the 14th of March 1798, for striking certain Officers off the Strength of Corps.

36. Requires no reply.

37. The Rum for Fort St. George alluded to in this paragraph, was ordered to be provided by us in consequence of an unexpected application from the Government at that Presidency, requesting, that the Rum might be sent by the earliest opportunity—Rum of the same age as that which is supplied annually for Bombay in conformity to an Arrangement made several Years ago, could not be procured at a Short notice.

38. The Government of Fort St. George having in consequence of other measures which they have adopted for obtaining Supplies of Rum for the use of the Military, requested that we would not send any further quantity of Rum from Bengal, it becomes unnecessary at present to take any steps in consequence of the recommendation of your Hon'ble Court in the concluding part of this paragraph—We shall pay due attention however to that recommendation on any similar occasion which may occur.

39. Require no reply.

40. We have published this paragraph for the information of the Army, and requested His Excellency the Commander in Chief to furnish the Governor General in Council with a List of the Names of the Officers to whom these Orders will extend.

41. Requires no reply.

68. Full Batta to the Officers at Moneah not objected to on the grounds of its being only temporary.

42. The measure alluded to in this paragraph was only Temporary, and not intended to furnish a precedent for granting Full Batta to Officers at Stations where Half Batta only is generally allowed.

69 to 72. Respecting the General Officers commanding at Cawnpore and Futty Ghur, being allowed to draw at all time the extra Tent allowance of 600 Rs. a Month, assigned to General Officers on the staff *when on actual Service in the Field during War*—and directing that such extra allowance be reduced.

43. In obedience to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court we have discontinued the extra Field Tent Money hitherto drawn by the General Officers on the Staff Commanding at the Stations of Cawnpore and Futty Ghur.

73 & 74. Respecting the appointment of the General Officers on the Staff.

44. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been furnished with copies of these paragraphs.

75 & 76. An application from General Jones to be continued on the Staff not complied with —directing the Retrenchment which was made against General Jones of Boat Allowance from Futty Ghur to the Presidency to be remitted.

45. Agreeably to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court We have directed the Military Auditor General to admit upon re-audit the Boat allowance alluded to in this Paragraph.

77. Approving of the orders for striking off the Staff Allowances drawn by the Major Generals who were acting in these Capacities and for discontinuing their Aides-du Camp.

46. We are happy that the orders alluded to in this paragraph are approved by your Hon'ble Court.

78. Of opinion that there would be no impropriety in a General Officer not upon the Staff doing duty with his Regiment at a Station Commanded by a General Officer on the Staff his Senior.

47. His Excellency the Commander in Chief has been furnished with a copy of this paragraph.

79 & 80. Respecting General Officers on the Staff appointed to command Stations—also Brigade Majors to Stations.

48. These paragraphs require no reply.

81 & 82. Respecting the

49. His Excellency the

additional Field Officers of Cavalry being introduced with their proper rank, and the mode of admitting Officers in future into the Cavalry and noticing that as the Court will appoint Cadets specifically for the Cavalry, there will be few occasions for making transfers from the Infantry.

Commander in Chief has been furnished with Copies of these paragraphs.

83. See no objections to the mode adopted for drawing the Pay of Officers absent at the other Presidencies or the Cape. The Adjutant of the Marine Battalion appointed Adjutant & Quarter Master with suitable allowances.

50. Requires no reply.

84. Confirming the Resolution passed upon a Claim preferred by Major General Stuart for certain Allowances.

51. The Governor General in Council has furnished the Commander in Chief with a Copy of this paragraph, and requested that His Excellency will communicate to Major General Stuart the determination of your Hon'ble Court on his appeal from the decision of the Governor General in Council.

85 to 87. The additional allowance of 100 Rs. a month given to the Adjutants of European Corps not sanctioned; as the European Corps have been increased, a moderate addition to the Allowances of Adjutants will not be objected to.

52. We have furnished the Commander in Chief with Copies of these paragraphs, and requested His Excellency's opinion on the Subject to which they relate.

88 & 89..................

53. Require no reply.

90. If the duty of examining Passengers at Buxar requires the allowance of 150 Rupees a month, the Court will not object to it.

54. We beg leave to inform your Hon'ble Court that the allowance mentioned in this paragraph does not appear to us to be more than adequate to the duties for which it was granted.

91 to 93. ....

55. These paragraphs require no reply.

94. Respecting the Plan proposed by Major General St. Leger

56. The Situation and movements of the Troops, the death of

for Horse Artillery.

General St. Leger and also of Colonel Montague, whom the Commander in Chief had in view for making the experiment alluded to, with other circumstances, have hitherto prevented the Experiment being made.

95. . . . .

57. Requires no reply.

96. Lieutenant Berkeley's application to be restored to the effective Establishment of the Army not complied with.

58. The Governor General in Council has requested the Commander in Chief to communicate this paragraph to Lieutenant Berkeley.

97. . . . .

59. Requires no reply.

98. Cannot admit of Officers retiring from the Service on the Pay of a Staff Appointment where such Pay is Superior to that of their Regimental Rank. The recommendation respecting Captain Lieutenant Toppin who held the appointment of Commissary of Ordnance, being allowed to retire on the full Pay of his Regimental Rank, will be taken into consideration.

99. During the absence of the Commander in Chief the Senior Officer at the Presidency to act as Vice President of the Military Board.

60. The Military Board have been furnished with Copies of these paragraphs.

100 to 102. . . . .

61. Require no reply.

103. Respecting the Bandel Farm and Salt Provisions—The Court have no intention at present to send out any Salt Provisions to India.

62. A copy of this paragraph has been sent to the Military Board.

104. . . . .

63. Requires no reply.

105. The consideration of the Indent for Saddles and Bridles deferred for want of Tonnage.

64. We have furnished the Military Board with a copy of this paragraph.

65. The efficiency of your Cavalry is of such importance towards the Security of your Interests in India, that we deem it our duty

to repeat our earnest solicitations that Europe Saddles and Bridles may be sent from England for the Native Cavalry of this Establishment as early as possible.

106. . . . .

66. Requires no reply.

107 & 108. Respecting the Conduct of the Contractors who executed the repairs of the Dinapore Cantonments— & directing the Penalties to be exacted in every case of failure.

67. The Military Board have been furnished with Copies of these paragraphs.

109 to 112. . . . .

68. These paragraphs require no reply.

113. The subject of the Allowances to the Medical Board, and Head Surgeons, will hereafter be taken into consideration.

114. Consenting that the restrictive orders of the 5th of August 1796 respecting the Orphan Society shall for the present be dispensed with.

69. The Managers of the Orphan Institution, and the Military Auditor General have been furnished with Copies of this paragraph.

115. Approving of several points of detail Vizt. Admission of claims of the 78th Regiment for Passage Money—½d a day to each Man in lieu of Poundage—additional Pay to Subalterns.

70. We are happy that the measures alluded to in this paragraph have received the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

116 & 117. Adverting to the Orders respecting the mode of filling up Vacancies—and advising that the Company paid the full Charter Party allowance for the 33rd & 78th Regiments—Do not disapprove of the Orders for repaying the Stoppage—and for discharging the Commanding Officer's Bills for Refreshments.

71. These paragraphs require no reply.

118. Adverting to the orders on the subject of Table allowance.

119 & 120. . . . .

121. Respecting the Audits of Military Accounts.

72. A Copy of this paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.

122. Respecting the Securities of the late Mr. Smith Paymaster, and advising that an application would be made to Major Rattray, one of the Securities for the payment of his moiety of the sum due the Company.

73. We have furnished the Military Auditor General and the Military Paymaster General with copies of this paragraph.

123. Approving of the Military Paymaster General's not being allowed to incur any fixed permanent extra charge for writers in his Office.

74. We have furnished the Military Paymaster General with a copy of this paragraph.

124 to 129. Approving of the additional Salary to the Paymaster to the King's Troops—of Captain D'Estere's application for Passage Money being refused—Field allowances to General Morgan.

75. We are happy that the measures alluded to in these paragraphs have received the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

130. Advising that any application that may be made to the Court in favour of the Sons of the late Major Hodgson, when they shall have attained the proper age for Cadets, will be taken into consideration and directing that similar requests be not transmitted until the Parties shall have arrived at the age prescribed by the Act of Parliament.

76. The Governor General in Council will be carefull to conform to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in this paragraph.

131. Respecting Mr. Mallet's Proposals for the improvement of Agriculture.

77. We have furnished the Board of Superintendence with a Copy of this paragraph.

132. Advising that certain Surgeons of their Ships had been dismissed from the Service.

78. The Hospital Board and the Marine Board have been furnished with Copies of this paragraph.

133. . . . .

134. Major Haynes's application for a removal of his Brevet Commission.

79. These paragraphs require no reply.

135.	
136. Mr. Munro's request to be restored to the Service not complied with.	80. We have informed Mr. Munro of the determination of your Hon'ble Court.
137.	81. Requires no reply.
138 & 139. Respecting Military Stores and European made Saddles for the Cavalry.	82. We have furnished the Military Board with Copies of these paragraphs.
140.	83. Requires no reply.
141. Respecting the Commission of 10 P. Cent allowed to the Garrison Store Keeper.	84. The subject of this paragraph is under consideration; and we shall hereafter have the honor of communicating our determination respecting it to your Hon'ble Court.
142.	85. Requires no reply.
143. Respecting the appointment of Captain Robinson to be Military Auditor General.	86. A copy of this paragraph has been sent to the Military Auditor General.
144 to 146.	87. These paragraphs require no reply.
147. Advising that the subject of the Augmentation of 100 Men to each Battalion of Sepoys, will be considered in the Political Department.	88. Require no reply.
148 & 149.	
150. Respecting the conduct of Mr. R. Grant late Field Paymaster.	89. We have furnished the Military Auditor General and Military Paymaster General with a copy of this paragraph, and we shall not fail to obey the injunctions of your Hon'ble Court respecting this subject.
151 to 154.	90. Require no reply.
155. The Court are pleased with the report of the successful progress of the Institution under the Board of Superintendence—and enjoin Strict economy in this and every other Branch of the Service.	91. The Board of Superintendence have been furnished with a copy of this paragraph—The Governor General in Council will carefully attend to the injunctions of your Hon'ble Court respecting the observance of the strictest economy in

	the disbursements on account of this and every other branch of the Service.
156. Respecting the rank of the two Cadets of the name "John Graham".	92. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.
157. Advising that an error in copying the List of rank of Cadets for the Season 1793, had been made by inserting the name, *John* Slessor instead of *William* Slessor.	93. Replied to in the 14th paragraph of our Letter of the 29th August last.
158. Approving under the circumstances of the Case, of the allowance given to Major General Craig in consequence of his being appointed to Command the intended Expedition to the Eastward.	94. We are happy that the measures noticed in these paragraphs have met with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.
159. Acquiescing in the equity of giving Full Batta to the Artillery Invalids detached on duty from Chunar.	
160. Respecting the rank of Mr. Hathwaite Cadet.	95. This paragraph has been published in General orders.
161.	96. Requires no reply.
162. Respecting the allowance fixed for the Senior Officer of Cavalry not being a Colonel and stating that the Retrenchment made against Lieutenant Colonel Black was consistent with the Court's Orders.	97. We have furnished the Military Auditor General with a copy of this paragraph for his Information and guidance.
163.	98. These paragraphs require no reply.
164. Respecting alterations in the Rates of Pay to His Majesty's Troops and advising that application would be made to the War Office for authentic copies of all Regulations affecting the King's Troops in India.	
165 & 166.	
167 to 169. Whilst the Commandant of Cavalry is in India, the	99. We have furnished His Excellency the Commander in Chief

Court do not see the necessity for investing the next Senior Officer of that Corps with the General Control &ca. nor any objection to the Colonel Commandant of Cavalry although a General upon the Staff performing the duties of Colonel Commandant—and stating their opinion that Major Generals not on the Staff may perform Regimental duty at Stations Commanded by General Officers, their Seniors.

with copies of these paragraphs. It appears that your Hon'ble Court suppose that the Commandant of Cavalry although a General Officer upon the Staff still exercises the duty of Commandant of the Corps—This is not the case at present—We have requested His Excellency to furnish us with his opinion on the propriety of that Officers performing the duty of Commandant, and also on the expediency of a General Officer not upon the Staff being employed with his Regiment at a Station Commanded by a Senior General Officer upon the Staff.

170. Respecting the Establishment authorized for the Quarter Master of the 27th Dragoons.

100. Requires no reply.

171. Approving of the answer given to the representations of Major Generals Popham & Jones in consequence of their not having been selected for the Staff.

101. We are happy to observe that the measures here alluded to have met with your approbation.

172. . . . .

102. Requires no reply.

173. Mr. Balfour permitted to retire on the Pay of Head Surgeon.

103. We have furnished the Hospital Board with a copy of this paragraph.

174 & 175. . . . .

104. Require no reply.

176. The Indent of the 23rd December 1796 for Military Stores had been completed.

105. The Military Board have been furnished with the Information conveyed in this paragraph.

177. . . . .

106. Requires no reply.

178. Approving of the appointment of Mr. J. Lumsdaine to act as Assistant Surgeon at Fort Marlbro'.

107. We are happy that this appointment has received your approbation.

179 to 187. Acquiescing in several points of detail Vizt. Compensation to the Troops in lieu of Cloathing—No Fees charged on Brevet Commisisons—Families of the Men of the Marine Battalion

108. These paragraphs require no reply.

allowed a passage to Prince of Wales Island.

188. Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Sir J. Kennaway had resigned the Service.

109. This paragraph has been published in General Orders, and Sir J. Kennaway has been struck off the List of your Army.

Fort St. George

110. The Government of Fort St. George transmitted to us a Letter from Mr. Richard Jones, who was originally appointed a Cadet on that Establishment, but who was removed by a subsequent order of your Hon'ble Court to this Presidency, representing the injury which he should sustain by the removal, and soliciting, as he had reason to believe that the order for his removal must have originated in a mistake of his friends in England, that he might be permitted to remain and do duty on the Establishment of Fort St. George where he had already attained the rank of First Cornet in a Regiment of Cavalry.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 2 & 3.

111. As the Government of Fort St. George recommended a compliance with the request of Mr. Jones, until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court respecting him should be known, we readily agreed to their recommendation; and we beg leave to request that you will inform us by an early opportunity whether Mr. Jones is to be continued on the strength of this Establishment, or to be transferred to that of Fort St. George.

Military Arrangements

112. The Commander in Chief recommended that Major General Baird who was employed on the Staff at the Presidency of Fort St. George, should be appointed to fill the Vacancy on the Staff on this Establishment, occasioned by the death of Major General St. Leger. The Governor General in Council agreed to his Excellency's recommendation, as Major General Baird's removal was attended with Public Convenience and corresponded with the wishes of that gallant and deserving Officer.

Consn. 17th Septr. No. 1

113. Major General Baird has accordingly been appointed to the Staff of this Establishment in the room of the late Major General St. Leger, and to command at the Station of Dinapore.

Consn. 14th Novr. No. 1

114. Captain George Molle of the Scotch Brigade is Aide-du-Camp to Major General Baird, and Lieutenant Hugh Falconer of His Majesty's 71st Regiment is his Major of Brigade.

115. Circumstances having occurred to prevent the usual relief of the Troops in the Season 1797, and also in the following Year, (with the exception of a partial relief which took place within the lower Provinces,) the

Consn. 24th Septr. No. 1 & 2

Commander in Chief for the reasons stated in this Minute, recorded on our Proceedings of the 24th September, recommended a relief of all the Troops in the ensuing Season, according to an Arrangement which His Excellency at the same time laid before the Governor General in Council exhibiting the present and proposed Disposition of the several Corps serving under this Presidency.

116. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General was extremely anxious that the Relief of the Troops should have taken place last Year, if circumstances had permitted it, and as His Lordship in Council entirely concurred in the present proposition of the Commander in Chief, we requested that His Excellency would issue the necessary Orders for carrying the Arrangement for the Relief into effect.

117. In conformity to the orders of your Hon'ble Court contained in your Separate General Letter of the 6th of June 1798 we issued the following Orders on the 15th of October.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 1

"That the Batta granted to Officers in consequence of their Brevet rank, be discontinued, and that from and after the 1st of November next no Officer either in His Majesty's Army serving in India or in the Company's Service be allowed higher Batta than that to which he is entitled by his Regimental Rank, with exception of those Staff Officers who drew Superior Batta in virtue of their Situations on the Staff previous to the Introduction of Brevet Rank into the Company's Army."

"That the additional allowance which was withholden from Brevet Captains when serving in the Vizier's Country be restored to them from the above date, and that it be drawn as heretofore in advance with their Pay".

118. Your Hon'ble Court having been pleased to inform us that you considered the situation of Brevet Captains, who obtained that Rank in 1796, after a period of 15 Years Service, to be very different from that of Officers advanced beyond their Regimental Rank, merely on account of general Brevet granted by His Majesty; and as you therefore authorized us to make an addition of One Rupee a day to the Pay and Allowances of Lieutenants holding the Brevet Rank of Captain, We also ordered, "that Brevet Captains be permitted to draw in all situations from the 1st of November next, the above addition of One Rupee per day to their usual Allowances as Lieutenants, excepting when they may be in receipt of Captain's Batta, either in consequence of holding a Situation on the Staff entitling them to such Batta or when they may be in receipt of Captain's Batta in consequence of commanding a Battalion or Regiment."

119. We directed the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay to publish correspondent Orders to the Armies on their respective Establishments, with any modifications which a difference of local circumstances might require.

120. The Commander in Chief recommended that dates of rank as Ensigns and Lieutenants should be assigned to the Cadets of the Seasons 1796 & 1797, who had attained the rank of Lieutenants previously to the receipt of the Lists of their rank from your Hon'ble Court. His Excellency at the same time observed that the name of John William is not inserted in these Lists although by the Certificate which Mr. William produced he is directed to take rank next to George William Wiggins, one of the Cadets of 1796.

Cons. 21st Novr. No. 6 & 7

121. In the arrangement of this Promotion we have placed Mr. J. William for the present immediately under Mr. Wiggins, Subject to whatever alteration your Hon'ble Court may be pleased to direct.

Cons. 21st Novr. No. 6 & 7

122. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to a Minute from the Right Hon'ble the Governor General recorded on our Proceedings of the 26th of November on the Subject of a Memorial from Colonel Green (who has held the command of the Corps of Artillery on this Establishment from the period of the departure of Major General Hussey for England) representing the inadequacy of his present allowances to defray the heavy Expenses to which he is unavoidably Subject in that command.

123. For the reasons stated in the Minute of the Governor General, and in the Minute recorded by the Commander in Chief on his laying the Memorial before His Lordship in Council. We determined that Colonel Green should be permitted to receive an Allowance of 1,000 Rupees a Month from the date on which he succeeded to the command of the Corps, and that this Allowance should be continued to him until he becomes entitled to the same Allowance as the Colonel of a Regiment.

124. The Commander in Chief laid before us the Minute referred to in the 20th paragraph of this Letter, on the Subject of filling up such Vacancies in the Army as might be occasioned by the Retirement &ca. of Officers in Europe. In this Minute His Excellency adverted to the grounds upon which we recommended to your Hon'ble Court in the 54th paragraph of our General Letter of the 29th of August last, to authorize your Governments in India to fill up those Vacancies from the dates of the Casualties, in order to prevent the serious injury which the Company's Officers would sustain in their rank with relation to the Officers of His Majesty's Regiments Serving in India.

Cons. 3rd Decr. No. 1

125. The Commander in Chief at the same time stated the following additional circumstance in elucidation of the grounds of our recommendations on this Subject.

126. The Ships William Pitt and Lord Thurlow which brought advices from your Hon'ble Court for this Presidency, and also for the Presidency of Fort St. George, touched first at Fort St. George, the Dispatches for Fort St. George (which were of course immediately landed on the arrival of the

Ship) contained information of several of the Officers of that Establishment having retired or resigned your Service—The Officers of the Establishment of Fort St. George, who were in consequence promoted obtained their advanced rank from the date of the publication of your Letter communicating the Retrenchment &ca. of the Officers in England in conformity to the rule laid down in your Letter of the 2nd of March 1798.

127. The William Pitt and the Thurlow did not reach Bengal until several Weeks after their arrival at Fort St. George, and such parts of your advices for this Government as communicated Information of Officers of this Establishment having retired, were published on the 27th of August, and the dates of the rank of the Officers who were in consequence promoted, were, at the suggestion of His Excellency left unsettled, in order that the dates might be adjusted hereafter.

128. The greatest proportion of the Officers of this Establishment who have been promoted in consequence of the Retirement of the Officers mentioned in those Dispatches from your Hon'ble Court, and particularly the Officers of the Rank of Captain and Major, are Senior to the Officers at Fort St. George of the Same rank who have been promoted to fill the Vacancies occasioned by the Retirement of the Officers of that Establishment, and it is evident, as His Excellency observed, that unless some modification of the Orders of your Hon'ble Court respecting the period from which such Vacancies are to be filled up, could be adopted, the Officers of the Bengal Establishment, will, on the present occasion, be Superseded by those of the Madras Establishment.

129. Concurring entirely in opinion with the Commander in Chief, and being perfectly satisfied that your Hon'ble Court did not intend by your Order of the 2nd and 14th of March 1798 to occasion Supercessions amongst the Company's Officers where they could be avoided, we considered it but justice to the Officers of this Establishment who were promoted on the 27th of August last in consequence of the retirement of Officers in Europe from the Service, to give them rank from the 31st of July, that being the day on which the Officers at Madras were promoted.

130. By this modification of the orders of your Hon'ble Court in the present instance, no injury can possibly arise to the Officers at Fort St. George as the relative rank in the Army of the Officers in question of both Establishments, must be determined whenever they meet upon duty by reverting to their former Commissions, by which means the Senior Officer will retain his former precedence of rank.

131. As great inconvenience to the Public Service is likely to arise from the want of a permanent Regulation fixing upon fair and indisputable principles the period, from which all casualties occurring in Europe among the Company's Officers shall be filled up, we take the liberty of repeating our recommendation to your Hon'ble Court that you will authorize the Governments at the Several Presidencies to fill up all such Casualties, whether

occasioned by Resignations or Retirement, from the actual dates of the Casualties. We further beg leave to Suggest that the Casualties be considered as taking effect from the date on which your Hon'ble Court shall signify to the parties applying for permission to resign or to retire, your acquiescence in such application. In the event of your Hon'ble Court adopting this recommendation, we request that you will be pleased to direct that the dates of all Resignations Retirements or Deaths of the Company's Officers in Europe be transmitted to the respective Presidencies.

132. This appears to us to be the only mode of obviating the inconvenience to which we have alluded, and although it is possible (in the event of your Hon'ble Court complying with our recommendations) that Officers at one Presidency may still obtain Promotion in consequence of Casualties occurring in Europe before their Seniors at the other Presidencies, we are of opinion that there will be no grounds for complaints or Jealousy, as the Officers in general will have an equal chance in this respect, and their claims to fill the respective Vacancies will be determined by a fixed general rule.

Military Board & Buildings

Consn. 26th Septr. No. 12 to 14

133. The Military Board laid before us a Survey Report of the state of the Artillery Mess Room and Offices at Dum Dum, and recommended that we would authorize the necessary repairs to these Buildings. We complied with the Board's recommendation restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 565-4, the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 26th Septr. No. 15 to 17

134. At the recommendation of the Military Board we also authorized the requisite repairs to the Public Buildings at the Magazine and to the Compound Wall of the General Hospital at the Station of Cawnpore, limiting the expense of these Works to St. Rs. 2,362-3-2.

Consn. 8th Octr. No. 1 to 9

135. In consequence of the orders which we issued to the Collectors respecting Ground for the Cavalry Cantonments, (as advised in the 26th paragraph of our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 30th of October 1797,) the Collector of Benares pointed out two Spots in that Province on the banks of the Ganges one near to Zemeniah, the other in the vicinity of Gazipoor.

136. The Commander in Chief in a Minute which he laid before the Governor General in Council with a Report from the Chief Engineer on these Spots of Ground, having given a decided opinion in favor of the Ground contiguous to Gazipoor, and recommended that as described in a Survey which accompanied the Chief Engineer's Report.

137. The Governor General in Council was desirous of postponing the commencement of the new Cavalry Cantonments until the ensuing Year, when His Lordship trusted, the Public Finances would be in a state to admit of the expenditure of the amount of the Probable Cost of the Buildings

without material inconvenience. But the present decayed state of the temporary Cantonments at Moneah, the unfitness of the Ground about Dinapore for the exercising of Cavalry, and the consequent necessity of providing at all events a Cantonment for the 29th Regiment of Dragoons recently arrived, rendered it indispensably necessary that every exertion should be made for erecting the new Cantonments on the spot recommended by the Commander in Chief without delay.

138. We therefore directed the Board of Revenue to take immediate measures for obtaining the ground near Gazipoor, and also for adjusting a fair valuation of some Indigo Works and other buildings, the property of Individuals, within the limits of the ground required for the Cantonments.

139. We determined that Cantonments should be erected on this ground for one Regiment of European Cavalry and two Regiments of Native Cavalry; and that the Military Board should be directed to prepare with as Little delay as possible plans & Estimates of the expense of the Buildings, including Stables for the Horses of the three Regiments.

140. These Cantonments are to be constructed on the same plan as the Cantonments which were intended to have been erected at Moneah.

Consn. 8th Octr.

141. For the reasons stated in the Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, we determined that the construction of the Cantonments shall be committed to an Agent subject to the Superintendence and direction of the Quarter Master General, that the Accounts of the actual Disbursements both for Materials and for Workmen should be stated by the Agent upon honor, and that he draw the usual Commission of 10 Per Cent upon the amount of his Disbursements.

142. We appointed Major Alcock the Deputy Quarter Master General to be the Agent for the Construction of the Cantonments under the above Resolutions; and we trust that, under the pressing circumstances of the case, the measures thus adopted by us for providing the requisite buildings for the European and Native Cavalry will meet with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 7th Novr.
Nos. 30 to 45

143. The Military Board have since laid before us the Plans of these Cantonments and the Estimates of the Expense of building them, of which we approved.

144. The Estimates are recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date, and amount to Sa. Rs. 6,21,178-14.

Cons. 15th Octr.
Nos. 32 to 34

145. With a view of making an experiment of the utility of elevating screws to Garrison and Battering Guns, which if they answer the expected purpose, would render the service of heavy Ordnance more certain and safe, and reduce the number of Men requisite to Work it, the Military Board directed some Screws of that discription to be made by the Commissary of Ordnance in charge of the Expense Magazine in Fort William. These Screws after a full

trial under 18 Pr. 24 Pr. and 32 Pr. Iron Guns during the whole of the last Season of the Artillery Practise at Dum Dum, were found to answer all the desired purposes.

146. The Military Board in consequence requested that we would authorize the construction of similar Screws for all Garrison and Battering Guns throughout the several Establishments.

147. From an Estimate laid before us by the Military Board it appeared that the expense of making an elevating Screw, taking the medium size of Garrison Guns Vizt. 24 Pr. would amount to Sa. Rs. 54; but as the Board did not state the number of Screws thus proposed to be made, we desired them to inform us, with a view of ascertaining the expense, what number of elevating Screws would be required.

148. The Military Board acquainted us that the number of Guns for which they recommended elevating Screws to be made amounted to four hundred and twenty two.

Consn. 5th Novr. No. 27

149. The expense of this number of Screws amounting to Rs. 22,788; and not considering elevating Screws to be absolutely necessary at present for all the Guns for which the Military Board proposed they should be made, we limited the number of elevating Screws to be made up, to two hundred.

150. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Construction of a Lathe in the Expense Magazine in Fort William for the purpose of cutting large Screws, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 600, the amount of the estimate.

151. The Farriers and Armourers of the 27th Regiment of Dragoons being Europeans, we considered it necessary that they should be sheltered while at work from the inclemency of the Weather, and accordingly authorized the building of a Shed for that purpose. We also authorized the Construction of a small Prison for the use of the Corps limiting the expense of the whole to St. Rs. 1,433-14-10 the amount of the Estimate laid before us by the Military Board.

Consn. 5th Novr. Nos. 21 to 24

152. The Inocculating Hospital at Dum Dum having been entirely destroyed last Year by fire, we authorized the Construction of a new Hospital restricting the expense to Rs. 1,176-12.

Consn. 7th Novr. Nos. 46 to 48

153. In consequence of the augmentation of the strength of a Company of Artillery, it became necessary to make a small addition to the Artillery Barrack at Cawnpore, we accordingly authorized the Barrack to be enlarged, limiting the expense of the work to St. Rs. 5,332-7-8.

Consn. 12th Novr. Nos. 17 to 20

154. The Military Board laid before us an Estimate formed by the Barrackmaster of Fort William of the expense of completing the annual repairs and of white washing the Buildings in Garrison, the General Hospital and the

Consn. 21st Novr. No. 24 & 25

Barracks oi ,he Surgeon amounting to St. Rs. 10,187-13-8 which we sanctioned.

155. At the recommendation of the Military Board we transmit a number in the Packet, Copies of two Reports on a Survey of Arms brought out on the Lord Thurlow and Minerva and beg leave to point out to the notice of your Hon'ble Court the imperfect condition of many of the Musquets and Pistols.

Consn. 26th Novr.
Nos. 52 to 54

156. We beg to refer you to our Proceedings of the 26th November for the orders which we have given for the construction of a Reservoir and a Drain to convey Water from the Ganges to the Centre Road of the Explanade.

Consn. 26th Novr.
No. 66

157. We transmit a number in the Packet an Account received from the Military Board of Deficiencies of the Military Stores imported on the Hon'ble Company's Ship Malabar.

Consn. 3rd Decr.
Nos. 16 to 19

158. The Military Board laid before us an Estimate of the Expense of repairing that part of the Dum Dum Road which lies within the lines of the Artillery Encampment amounting to Sa. Rs. 4,125, and recommended that we would authorize the expenditure of that sum upon the proposed repairs.

Consn. 5th Decr.
Nos. 16 to 19

159. The Military Board at the same time informed us that an Estimate of the expense of repairing the remainder of the road had been required.

160. We thought proper to limit the expense of repairing the whole of the Dum Dum road to the sum which is annually allowed Vizt. 3,000 Rupees which we considered Sufficient to keep the road in repair for Military purposes.

161. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the construction of Lines at the Station of Barrampore for one Battalion of Sepoys, restricting the expense of the Work to Sa. Rs. 3,330-11-6.

Consn. 10th Decr.
Nos. 27 to 30

162. We also authorized, the construction of Wooden Supporters for the Gun Powder Racks in the Magazine at Barrampore, at an expense not exceeding Sa. Rs. 125-2.

Consn. 10th Decr.
No. 34

163. We transmit for the information of your Hon'ble Court a number in the Packet an Account of Short Deliveries of Military Stores imported on the Hon'ble Company's Ship Preston.

Consn. 10th Decr.
No. 44

164. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the making up of Guard Beds for the main Guard-room at the Station of Dinapore, limiting the expense of the Work to Sa. Rs. 238-6, the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 31st Decr.
No. 59 to 62

Board of Superintendence

165. The Board of Superintendence having represented to us that a skilful Veterinarian would be of great utility to the Public Stud, and also contribute greatly to diffuse a knowledge of the Art amongst the Native who bred the Horses, we beg leave to recommend that a person who has been regularly bred at the Veterinary College may be sent to Bengal for the purpose of being attached to the Public Stud on this Establishment.

Consn. 15th Octr. No. 55 & 56

166. In the event of your Hon'ble Court complying with this recommendation, we beg leave to Suggest that Specific Articles of Agreement be concluded with the Person who may be engaged, and that a Copy of the Agreement may be transmitted to us.

Accountant General

167. The Accountant General having reported to us that the Sums received from Mr. Bathurst and his Attornies on account of his Securitiship[*sic*] for Mr. Holt amounted to Sa. Rs. 37,443-8, and that the sum to be returned to Mr. Bathurst in conformity to the orders of your Hon'ble Court in your Letter of the 29th of May last amounted to Sa. Rs. 28,822-13, we accordingly issued an order on the Treasury in favor of Mr. Bathurst for the last mentioned sum.

Consn. 10th Decr. No. 50

168. The Accountant General also reported that the sum to be repaid to Mr. Arbuthnot the other Security for Mr. Holt, in conformity to your orders of the abovementioned date was Sa. Rs. 32,212-10-4 for which Sum we directed the Board of Revenue to grant an Assignment on the Collector of Tirhoot in favor of Mr. Arbuthnot.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 86

Furloughs and Resignations

169. We have permitted the following Officers to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Consn. 28th Novr.	Captain George Dick for the recovery of his health.
Consn. 3d Decr.	Ensign J. Blanshard for the re-establishment of his health.
Consn. 5th Decr. No. 3 to 5	Lieutenant Colonel Jabez Mackenzie on his private Affairs.
Consn. 10th Decr. No. 7 to 9	Lieutenant Colonel E. Pennington of Cavalry, on his private Affairs.
Consn. 10th Decr.	Captain G. Hutchinson for the recovery of his health.
Consn. 17th Decr.	Lieutenant Colonel Ludwick Grant for the recovery of his health.
Consn. 17th Decr.	Lieutenant Colonels Rayne and Boujonnar on their private affairs.

Consn. 17th Decr. Lieutenant S. Long for the recovery of his health.

Consn. 31st Decr. Captain George Clancey on his private affairs.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 30, 31 Captain F. C. Wroughton has been permitted at his own request to resign your Service, and to remain in India.

Appointments

170. At the recommendation of the Commander in Chief we appointed Captain John Gerard Deputy Adjutant General, with the Official rank of Major. Consn. 26th Septr. No. 1

171. We appointed Captain Henry V. White Fort Adjutant of Fort William in the room of Captain Robert Davies deceased. Consn. 1st Octr.

172. Mr. A. Upjohn who held the situation of Head Draftsman in the Surveyor General's Office, has been appointed Junior Assistant in the Office in the room of Mr. J. J. Haywood deceased. Consn. 3rd Octr. Nos. 12, 13

173. From several Charts and Drafts executed by Mr. Upjohn, which were laid before us by the Surveyor General we considered him well qualified for the Appointment of Assistant.

174. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General has appointed Lieutenant Benjamin Sydenham of the Madras Establishment to be one of His Lordship's Aides du Camp, Vice Major Beatson. Consn. 15th Octr.

175. Mr. P. Dunbar who was appointed conditionally a Cadet for the Cavalry on this Establishment in the 7th Paragraph of the General Letter from your Hon'ble Court of the 17th of April last, having furnished the Documents required to entitle him to the appointment, has been admitted into the Service of the Company, and promoted to the Rank of Ensign. Consn. 17th Octr. No. 1 to 3

176. Mr. James Mc.Farlane who was also conditionally appointed a Cadet for the Infantry upon this Establishment by your Hon'ble Court, as advised in the 13th paragraph of your General Letter of the 13th of March last, having laid before us the Documents required to entitle him to the appointment, has been admitted into the Service of the Company. Consn. 24th Octr. No. 6 & 7

177. The Surgeon of the Marine Department having hitherto had no Assistant. [*sic*] To obviate the inconvenience which might be experienced in case of the Sickness, or absence of the Surgeons from his not having an Assistant we thought it proper to appoint Mr. Charles Dumergue, Assistant Surgeon attached to the General Hospital at the Presidency, to act as Assistant to the Surgeon of the Marine Department, until further Orders, but without any other allowances than the Pay and Batta of his Rank, and House Rent when not furnished with Quarters. Consn. 3rd Decr. No. 37

178. Mr. James Mc.Naghten who was conditionally appointed a Cadet for Bengal by the Separate Paragraphs which accompany your Letter of the 29th of May last, having produced satisfactory Testimonials of his Age and Parentage to entitle to him to the Appointment, has been admitted into the Service of the Company.

Consn. 5th Decr. No. 9 & 10

Miscellanea

179. In consequence of various applications from the Commanders of the Hon'ble Company's Ships representing the inadequacy of the allowance of Eight annas a day for Victualling each European Soldier on board of Ship, we directed the Marine Board, and the Military Auditor General, to take the Subject into consideration, and in the event of that allowance appearing to them insufficient, to State what augmentation of it they might deem requisite.

Consn. 1st Octr. No. 4 to 10

180. The Marine Board Stated it to be their opinion that it would generally be most advisable with a view both to economy and to dispatch, that the Commanders of the Company's Ships should victual the Troops.

181. The Board at the same time observed, that it did not appear to them practicable to fix any rates permanently on account of the difference between the prices of Articles in time of War, and in Peace.

182. The Marine Board however adverting to their former recommendation that one Current Rupee a Man per day should be given to the Commanders of the Earl Howe and the Princess Charlotte for the extra men, and also for the Troops who were embarked on those Ships to act as Marines, at a period when Salt Provisions and Water Casks were extremely dear, adhered so far to that opinion, as to recommend that the same allowance should be made for provisions and Water on account of Troops embarked from this Port in time of War. The Board also recommended that the Rates for Victualling Troops embarked from the other Presidencies should be fixed at the respective Presidencies according to local circumstances.

183. The Military Auditor General having also investigated minutely the actual expense of Victualling European Troops on board of Ship in India, Stated it as his Opinion that justice to the Owners of the Company's Ships required that the Regulations of 1779 which fixed the allowance at 8 Annas per day for each man should be revised and that the allowance should be increased to 12 St. Annas, on the grounds of a Statement which accompanied his Report, Shewing the daily allowance of provisions &ca. made to each Man on board of the Company's Ships with the prices of each Article annexed.

184. In this Statement, the European prices are allowed for the Salt Provisions, under the Supposition that the Troops would be Victualled from the Ships Stores; but for the Spirits, Bread, Rice, and other Articles (which from their comparative cheapness in India would of course be purchased

in the Country both for the daily expenditure on board of the Ship, and for the homeward bound) the Indian prices are assumed, which are taken according to the rates fixed at Fort St. George as being the fairest general Standard.

185. On these grounds the Military Auditor General was of opinion that the increased sum of 12 St. Annas a day for each man might be permanently fixed for all the Presidencies.

186. Considering the Sum of Twelve Sonaut annas a day proposed by the Military Auditor General to be a fair and an adequate allowance for furnishing each European Soldier embarked on board of the Company's Ships in India (either as Passengers or when performing the duty of Marines,) with Provisions and Water, we accordingly determined that this Sum should be granted in future at this Presidency.

187. The propriety of this determination received additional confirmation from a Letter addressed to us by Captain Piercy of the Osterley requesting to be re-imbursed for the actual expense which he had incurred in Victualling a Detachment of Troops on board of his Ship, which expense he stated to amount to about the Sum of twelve Annas.

188. We transmitted Copies of the report and Statement of the Military Auditor General to the Governments of Fort St. George and Bombay, and recommended to those Governments to adopt the same rate for Troops embarked from their respective Presidencies.

189. The Military Auditor General at the same time brought under our consideration the allowance of 2 St. Rs. a day which has usually been given to the Commanders of the Hon'ble Company's Ships for providing a Table for Commissioned Officers who have been occasionally ordered on board of their Ships upon duty; observing that the Commanders had often complained of the insufficiency of the allowance.

190. This allowance was also established by the Regulations of 1779 and was granted to the Commanders of Country Ships as well as to the Commanders of the Company's Ships. But on the 29th March 1793, it was found necessary to give a fixed Sum to the Commanders of Country Ships for providing a Table for Commissioned Officers during their passage from Port to Port in India, and we thought it just and reasonable that the same allowance should be made to the Commanders of the Company's Ships.

191. The following are the allowances to which the Commanders of the Hon'ble Company's Ships will be entitled in future, under the abovementioned determination.

In the North East Monsoon or during the Months of October, November, December, January and February.

To Madras	.. .. ..	Sa. Rs. 125
Prince of Wales Island	.. ..	" 100

Fort Marlbro'	Sa. Rs.	150
Bombay	"	200
China	"	250
Ceylon (Resn. [Resolution] 24th Feby. 1797)	"	150
Negapatam (4th March 1799)	"	125

In the South West Monsoon or during the Months of March, April, May, June, July, August and September.

To Madras	Sa. Rs.	125
Ceylon	"	175
Prince of Wales Island	"	125
Fort Marlbro'	"	180
Bombay	"	250
China	"	300
Negapatam	"	150

192. We understand that the allowance of these rates will remove all grounds of Complaint.

193. The Collections on account of the Duties in the Military Bazars having diminished annually, we have appointed a Committee consisting of the Military Auditor General, the Military Paymaster General, and the Secretary to the Military Board, for the purpose of ascertaining the causes of this diminution and the best mode of restoring and improving this branch of the public Revenue.

Consn. 8th Octr. No. 43. In 1795/6 the amt. was—S. Rs. 1,92,404 in 1796/7 1,86,723 in 1797/8 1,30,014 in 1798/9 only 98,247

194. Mrs. Binns the Widow of the late Captain Binns of the Artillery Corps on this Establishment, solicited our permission to draw her Pension in this Country. Mrs. Binns stated that the last Certificate transmitted by her to England for the purpose of enabling her Friends there to receive her Pension, extended only to Midsummer 1798, and she acquainted us that Mr. Crommelin would be answerable for any overpayment which might be made to her in England, together with Interest on the amount.

Consn. 15 Octr. No. 63.

195. We complied with Mrs. Binn's application, and authorized the payment of her Pension in Bengal from the 21st of June 1798.

196. Captain H. Grace having continued the compilation of the Military Regulations, of this Establishment, from the period of the conclusion of the Work which he published in the Year 1791, to the end of September, 1799; and being of opinion that this additional compilation may be of considerable utility to the Officers of the Army and to the Public Officers of Government, We subscribed for 100 Copies on fine paper and 50 Copies on coarse paper on account of the Hon'ble Company at the rate of 25 Rupees for each Copy of the fine sort, and 20 Rupees for each Copy of the coarser kind.

Consn. 29th Octr. No. 44.

197. We have transmitted 40 Copies of the Work to your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 5th Novr. No. 43.

198. With a view to enabling the Agents or Attornies of Officers in Europe entitled to share in the Surplus of the Off-reckonings to remit to their Constituents the whole or any part of the amount which may be paid to them upon furnishing the Certificates required by our Resolutions of the 16th of July last, we have directed the Military Paymaster General to grant to the Agents or Attornies on their application, certificates for the amount of the Off-reckonings so paid on account of Officers in Europe, entitling the Agents of those Officers to receive from the Deputy Accountant General a Sett of Bills upon your Hon'ble Court for the amount at the Exchange of 2s/6d the Sonaut Rupee, and payable at three Months' sight in conformity to your Orders of the 22nd April 1796.

199. We also directed the Accountant General to prepare the Bills of Exchange in the manner abovementioned, upon the Military Paymaster General's Certificate being presented at his Office.

Consn. 7th Novr.

200. Mr. R. Blanshard applied to us as Executor to the Estate of his deceased Brother for his Pay from the period to which he had received his Pay in Bengal to the 23rd of November 1797 the day on which it is Supposed his Brother perished by the loss of the Ship Edmund and George, on Board of which he was proceeding to Europe.

Consn. 28th Novr.

201. Adverting to the permission given to the late Mr. Blanshard to proceed to Europe on Furlough, to Mr. Blanshard's length of Service in India, and also to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court respecting Chaplains being permitted to return to Europe, We admitted that Mr. Blanshard had every reason to expect when he left Bengal, that he would be entitled to the Benefits of Furlough, and such Pay during his absence as might be established by your Hon'ble Court for Chaplains on Furlough.

202. Altho' the late Orders of your Hon'ble Court require that Chaplains should be resident in India Seven Years, before they are entitled to Furlough, excepting in cases of certified Sickness, it does not appear to us that you intended that the Chaplains should for the whole of that time be exclusively attached to a Military Station. Even if this had been the intention of your Hon'ble Court, we conceived that it would not have been just to apply the rule retrospectively, and therefore considered Mr. Blanshard as a Chaplain upon Furlough, and entitled to the Pay of a Chaplain until the period of his decease.

203. We accordingly authorized the payment of Mr. R. Blanshard's Bill for the Pay of his late Brother from the period to which he had received his Pay in Bengal to the 23rd of November 1797.

204. Mr. Tutin Assistant Surgeon having executed the Covenants which were sent out by your Hon'ble Court we return one of the Covenants a number in the Packet.

Consn. 10th Decr. No. 10

205. The Marine Board having by our direction called upon the Commanders of the Hon'ble Company's Ships now at the Port, to state whether they had any objections to carry to England some of the French Prisoners of War who have been confined in Fort William at a very considerable Expense to the Hon'ble Company; that Board informed us that the Commanders not only offered no objections to the measure, but considered it desirable that the Prisoners should be embarked on their Ships.

206. The Board at the same time furnished us with a List of the numbers which the Commanders requested might be embarked on their respective Ships.

207. We accordingly issued Orders for the Prisoners being sent to Europe agreeably to the Arrangement recommended by the Marine Board in their Letter recorded on our Proceedings of the annexed date.

Consn. 17th Decr. No. 20 & 21

208. We also directed that the Prisoners proceeding to Europe should be provided with proper Cloathing.

209. In compliance with an application from the Government of Bombay, We have given Orders for the dispatch of Eight thousand Bags of Salt Petre for the use of the Gun Powder Manufactory at that Presidency.

Consn. 5th Decr. No. 1

210. We have the honour to transmit a number in the Packet Certificates of Pay to Officers who have proceeded to Europe on Furlough from this Presidency.

Consn. 3rd Decr. No. 21

211. Mr. George Knight having made an Affidavit that he was appointed a Cadet on this Establishment by your Hon'ble Court but that he had lost the Certificate of his appointment; and having also laid before us an Order from your Committee of Shipping directing the Commander of the Charlton to receive Mr. Knight on board of that Ship as a Cadet for Bengal, We have admitted Mr. Knight into the Military Service of the Company.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 45

212. The Military Auditor General having an Order of the Right Hon'ble the Governor General prepared an Abstract of the Statement of the Military Establishments of this Presidency as they stood on the 30th of April 1799, We directed the Abstract to be forwarded by an Overland Dispatch on the 28th of December last with a Letter from our Chief Secretary dated the 26th of the same Month addressed to the Secretary of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 35

213. The original Statement was forwarded to your Hon'ble Court a number in the Packet of the Alligator.

214. At the request of the Managers of the Military Orphan Society we have issued Orders to the Commander of the Earl Howe to receive on Board of that Ship as a Charter Party Passenger to England Robert Bruce Reid, an Orphan born of European Parents the Society defraying the expense of his Passage.

Consn. 31st. Decr. No. 76

215. The Medical Board have represented to us that Twenty Assistant Surgeons will be required from England for this Establishment in the Season 1800/1801.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 77

216. We transmit a number in the Packet, the Proceedings of the Medical Board from the 3rd of January to the 10th December 1799.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 78

217. We have the honor to transmit a number in the Packet Copies of the Proceedings of the General Courts Martial, furnished by the Judge Advocate General.

Consn. 31st Decr. No. 83

218. We also forward a number in the Packet, Proceedings of the Committees assembled in Fort William, in the Year 1799, for the examination and distribution of the Recruits who arrived from Europe for this Establishment.

Do. No. 85

We have the honour to be &ca.
(Signed) Mornington/Alured Clarke/
P. Speke/Wm. Cowper.

Fort William
31st December 1799
[Per *Earl Howe*]

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LETTER DATED 27 FEBRUARY 1800

Major General Popham appointed General Staff Officer—site of Sultanpur cantonment changed—compensation in lieu of off-reckonings to artillery officers—receipt of unserviceable arms—appointments and furloughs—furlough regulations for officers of Calcutta militia.

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

Our last address from this Department was dated the 31st of December 1799.

2. We have now the honor to forward a Copy of that address with a Continuation of Our Proceedings to the 27th of February 1800.

Military Arrangements

3. The death of Major General J. Erskine having Occasioned a Vacancy for a General Officer on the Staff of this Establishment, the Governor General in Council Appointed Major General W. Popham to fill the Vacancy.

Consn. 2nd Jany. No. 1

4. Major General Popham who was in the Command of the Troops of this Establishment Serving at Fort. St. George, (Agreeably to his appointment Notified to your Hon'ble Court in Our Letter of the 24th December 1798) has been directed to return to Bengal.

5. The Commander in Chief laid before the Governor General in Council a Letter from the Quarter Master General respecting the State of the Ground Selected for the new Cantonments at Sultanpoor.

6. From this letter it appeared that a space of 300 Yards in depth of the Ground upon the River Line of the Cantonments was so broken and full of Ravines as to render it unfit for the purpose of building.

7. It further appeared that Major Humfrays the Engineer Officer had completed the foundation of the buildings for one Battalion on the Lines drawn upon the Plan, not considering himself authorized to deviate from that Plan.

8. The Quarter Master General proposed that the foundation of the buildings laid upon the bad Ground should be taken up, that the Cantonment should be advanced in front 150 yards, and (as the Ground which had been allotted for the Cantonment was confined on the Flanks) that the Ground should be extended on both Flanks to the distance of 400 yards.

9. The loss which will be incurred by the Removal of the foundations of these buildings, after allowing for the value of the Materials which will be used in the Construction of the buildings, is Estimated at about Rupees 3,000.

10. As the expense of Keeping in a habitable Condition a whole line of Officers Bungalows if erected on bad ground would have far exceeded the loss of removing the foundations, the Governor General in Council authorized their Removal accordingly as proposed by the Quarter Master General. His Lordship also authorized the proposed extension of the limit of the Cantonments.

11. For the Quarter Master General's letter and the other papers relating to this Subject, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to Our Proceedings Noted in the Margin.

Consn. 23d Jany. Nos. 7 to 9

12. At the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief we authorized a continuance of the temporary Establishment of one Syce for each Horse in the 27th Regiment of Dragoons, until further orders.

Consn. 4th Feby. No. 1 to 3

13. We also authorized at His Excellency's recommendation the same temporary Establishment of one Syce for each Horse, for the 29th Regiment of Dragoons, as Horses are obtained and delivered over to that Regiment.

Military Auditor General

14. The Military Auditor General informed us that he had received applications from several of the Officers of Artillery to whom we had granted the Compensation of St. Rs. 843-10-9 a Year in lieu of the Offreckonings of which they were deprived by the new Military Regulations. (Agreeably to the Resolutions Conveyed in the 24th and 25th paragraphs of Our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 31st of December 1796, and Confirmed by the 74th paragraph of your Separate Letter of the 6th of June 1798) requesting that they might be permitted to draw this Compensation annually without waiting for the adjustment of the Offreckoning Accounts.

Consn. 14th Jany. No. 31

15. Agreeably to the principle of our Resolutions of the 16th of July last by which Colonels of Regiments and other Officers were permitted to draw annually a portion of the Offreckonings due to them the Governor General in Council deemed it reasonable and just to permit such of the Officers of Artillery as are Still entitled under the Orders of December 1796 to the annual compensation of St. Rupees 843-10-9 in lieu of Offreckonings, to draw that Sum on the 1st of November of each Year, upon Bills to be Audited before payment.

16. The Auditor General at the same time submitted the following questions respecting the Compensation to the Officers of Artillery who have been deprived of the Offreckonings which had arisen in Consequence of the discontinuance of Batta according to Brevet Rank.

17. Two of the Captains of Artillery who were Originally entitled to the Compensation under the Orders of December 1796, having Since been promoted by Brevet, and Consequently drawn the Batta of Brevet Majors, they ceased to receive the Compensation in lieu of the Offreckonings. The Auditor General requested our Orders whether these Officers, who by the discontinuance of the Brevet Batta from the 1st of November last had been reduced to the allowances of Captains, were to be permitted to draw the compensation as formerly.

18. Three Captains of Artillery obtained the Rank and received the Batta of Brevet Majors from a period prior to the orders of 1796, and Consequently were not included in the Original number of Captains entitled to the Compensation.

19. The Auditor General requested our instruction whether these Officers, as they had been reduced to the allowances of Captains were to receive the compensation.

20. With respect to the first of these questions, the Governor General in Council determined that such of the Officers therein referred to, as are now in Situations in which they would have been entitled to Offreckonings under the Regulations which were in force previous to the new Regulations of 1796, shall be permitted to draw the Compensation annually from the period when the Batta of their Brevet Rank was discontinued.

21. The three Officers alluded to in the Auditor Generals Second question were Originally excluded from drawing the Compensation granted in lieu of Offreckonings on the grounds of their having obtained promotion and the increased Batta of their Brevet Rank. But as they continue in the Actual Command of Companies, and Consequently are in Situations in which they would have received Offreckonings under the Old Regulations the Governor General in Council was Satisfied that they had fair claim to the Compensation from the period when the Batta of their Brevet Rank was discontinued and permitted them to draw the Compensation Accordingly.

Consn. 23rd Jany. No. 32 to 35.

22. The Military Auditor General laid before the Governor General in Council a Bill from Captain Welladvice Amounting to £ Stg. 28-12-6 for Slops stated to have been served out to Recruits on board of the Charlton during the Voyage from England. Not being Acquainted with the Prices of the Articles for which the Charge was made or with your Hon'ble Courts Instructions respecting the Supply of Slops of Recruits during the Voyage to India we transmit the Bill a Number in the packet to your Hon'ble Court for adjustment.

Military Board & Buildings

Consn. 14th Jany. No. 43, 44.

23. At the recommendation of the Military Board, we authorized the purchase of a Rolling Stone for the use of the Roads in the Cantonments of Barrackpore, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 350.

Consn. 23d Jany. No. 52 & 53.

24. We also authorized the building of a small house with requisite Offices, for the Conductor or Magazine Serjeant Stationed at the Powder Magazine at Duckinsore, restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 3,503-14, the Amount of the Chief Engineers Estimate of the expense of the Work.

Consn. 28th Jany. No. 24

25. We transmit a Number in the Packet the following Papers received from the Military Board.

Proceedings of the Military Board from the 30th of October to 31st December 1798 inclusive, with an Index.

Proceedings of the Military Board from the 1st of January to the 25th February 1799, with an Index.

26. We authorized the Construction of twenty Wooden Horses for the Magazine at Allahabad, at an Expense of St. Rs. 100-7-1.

Consn. 11 Feby. Nos. 35, 37

27. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the Construction of a well for the use of the Sepoy Hospital at Dinapore limiting the expense to St. Rupees, 1,040-4.

Consn. 11 Feby. Nos. 38 to 41

28. We Authorized the making up of 850 Cotts for His Majesty's 76th Regiment at Allahabad at 6 Sicca Rupees each Cott, also the construction of Arm Racks for the Barracks, and Seats for the Necessaries of the 1st European Regiment at Dinapore limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 410.

Consn. 11th Feby. Nos. 45 & 46 No. 47 & 48

29. We transmit a Number in the Packet Copies of Reports on the Survey of Arms received by the Charlton and Asia, and beg leave to point out to the particular Notice of your Hon'ble Court the unserviceable State in which many of the Arms have been received. This object will necessarily attract your most Serious attention, as being intimately connected with the efficiency of your Army in India, and we cannot express more Strongly than the exigency of the Case requires our anxiety that an effectual remedy should be applied to an evil pregnant with consequences so alarming.

Consn. 11th Feby. Nos. 58 to 60

30. The Survey Report will Satisfy your Hon'ble Court that the principal defects in the Arms received by the abovementioned Ships cannot be attributed to accident on the passage, but must be imputed to their Original Construction.

31. We also transmit a Number in the Packet an Account of Deficiencies in the Military Stores imported on the Charlton.

Consn. 18th Feby. No. 26

32. We likewise have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet an Account of Deficiencies of Military Stores imported on the Sir Stephen Lushington with a Copy of the Letter from the Military Board which accompanied the Account from which it appears that Captain Gooch Sailed without Signing the Account of the Deficiencies.

Consn. 20th Feby. No. 7

Board of Superintendence

33. We have the honor to transmit a Number in the Packet the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence for improving the Breed of Cattle, from the 1st of May to the 30th of November 1799.

Consn. 20 Feby.

Appointments

34. Captain Salmond Military Secretary to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General has been appointed a Member of the Board of Superintendence.

35. The Right Hon'ble the Gevornor General has appointed Lieutenant Merick Shaw of His Majesty's 76th Regiment and Aid du Camp to His Lordship in the room of Captain Salmond.

36. The Governor General has also been pleased to appoint Captain H. V. White one of His Lordship's Aides du Camp in the room of Major Davies.

Consn. 11th Feby.

37. Mr. W. E. Phillips has been appointed Agent for packing and transporting the Cloathing of the Army in the room of Captain J. Mouggach who requested permission to relinquish the duties in Consequence of the bad state of his health.

Consn. 11 Feby. No. 4 & 5

38. The practice of insuring the Cloathing of the Army from Risk during its transportation by Water to the different Stations having of late years, been discontinued, we deemed it proper with a View to prevent so serious a loss to the Officers entitled to the Savings of the Offreckoning Fund as they Would sustain by the loss of the Cloathing, to revive that practise and to direct the Military Board to instruct the Agent to insure the Cloathing.

39. Mr. John Hall has been appointed to act as Paymaster of the Artillery and Garrisons and Troops at the Presidency, and of Company's allowances to the King's Troops, in Consequence of the absence of Mr. L. Collings at the Cape of Good Hope.

Consn. 11th Feby. No. 71

40. Mr. Hall is to receive the same Salary as was granted to Mr. R. Parry for the performance of the duties of that Office Vizt. Sa. Rs. 600 per Month, and to give Security to the amount of Sa. Rs. 50,000. No additional expense is incurred by the absence of Mr. Collings and the Consequent appointment of a person to perform the duties of his Offices as a proportionate reduction is made in the allowances of Mr. Collings.

41. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General has appointed the Honorable Lieutenant Charles John Greville of His Majesty's 10th Regiment of foot to be one of His Lordships Aides du Camp in the room of Sir George Leith Baronet appointed Lieutenant Governor of Prince of Wales's Island.

Consn. 13th Feby. No. 1

41A. Mr. Alexander Aberdien Conductor of Ordnance has been appointed a Deputy Commissary of Ordnance in the Room of Mr. Burnett gone to Europe.

Furloughs

42. We have permitted the following Officers to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

2nd Jany.	Brevet Captains Andrew Fraser and William Raine for the recovery of their health.
7th. Jany.	Major W. B. Davis on his private Affairs.

7th Jany. Captain Lieutenant John Cuninghame for the recovery of his health.

Consn. 9th Jany. No. 2 to 4 Mr. Alexander Burnett Deputy Commissary of Ordnance for the recovery of his health.

43. As Deputy Commissaries of Ordnance in Cases of Sickness duly Certified are permitted to return to Europe on Furlough with their established pay vizt. the pay of Lieutenant, and as passage Money is Allowed to Commissioned Officers Returning to Europe who are in the receipt of Subaltern's pay only, the Governor General in Council determined to grant the passage Money of a Subaltern Officer to Mr. Burnett, and also to extend the same indulgence to all Deputy Commissaries of Ordnance proceeding to Europe on Furlough under the prescribed Certificates of Sickness.

44. Brevet Captain G. Richard and Cornet Boileau for the Recovery of their health.
9th Jany.

14th Jany. Captain F. Marsden and Mr. D. Johnson Assistant Surgeon for the Recovery of their health.

14th Jany. Mr. J. Williams Surgeon on his private affairs.

23rd Jany. Brevet Captain R. Broughton for the Recovery of his health.

Consn. 30th Jany. Mr. A. Ogilvey Assistant Surgeon for the Recovery of his health.

11th Feby. Ensign Hill Willson of the Corps of Engineers for the reestablishment of his health.

45. Lieutenant Colonel Rayne whom we permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the Adjustment of his Private Affairs (as advised in the 169th paragraph of our Letter to your Hon'ble Court of the 31st December last) has received our permission to proceed by the way of Fort St. George and China. His Furlough is to commence from the date of the departure of the Charlton from this Port.

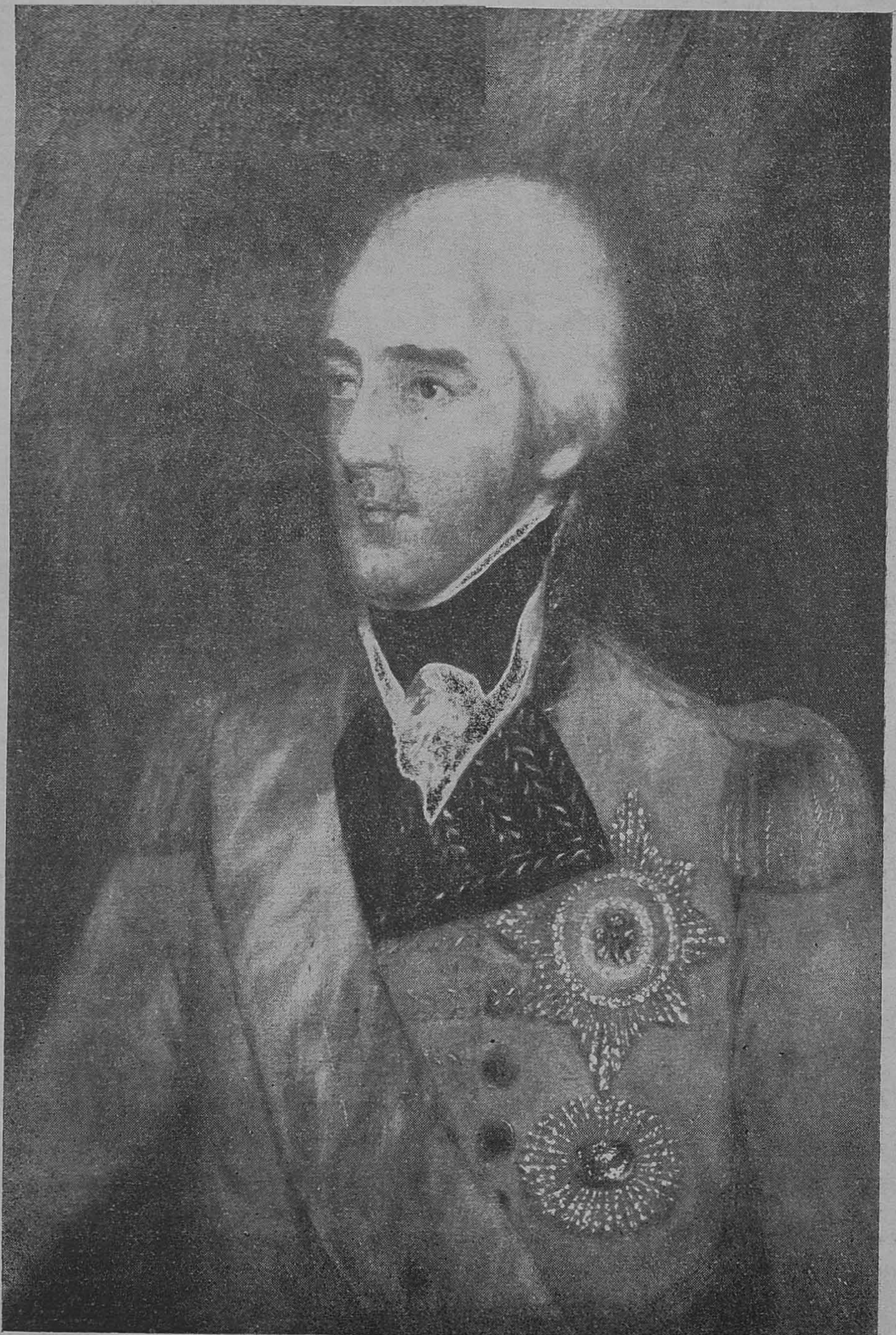
Consn. 11th Feby. No. 13 to 15

46. Captain Lewis Thomas of the Infantry and Captain James Mc.Gregor of the Cavalry have been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough, for the Recovery of their health.

Consn. 13th Feby.

Consn. 18th Feby. Brevet Captain J. M. Johnson on his Private Affairs, and Mr. P. Ivory Surgeon for the recovery of his health.

Consn. 27th Feby. Captain T. S. Bateman of Cavalry on his Private Affairs, the Lieutenant Fireworker L. Grove for the Reestablishment of his health.



Marquess of Wellesley

Miscellanea

47. On our Proceedings of the annexed date are [is] recorded a Letter from Lieutenant General Harris to the Right Hon'ble the Governor General, requesting, in the name, of the Army which achieved the Conquest of Mysore, His Lordship's acceptance of a Star and Badge of the Order of St. Patrick. His Lordship's reply to the Letter from Lieutenant General Harris is recorded on the same date. Copies of these Papers were transmitted to the Secretary to your Hon'ble Court by the direction of the Governor General in Council, by our Chief Secretary in a letter dated the 14th Ultimo.

Consn. 14th Jany.
No. 1 to 4

48. We have adopted the following Regulations respecting the Officers of the Militia who may Return to Europe.

"When Officers in the Hon'ble Company's Civil Service holding Commissions in the Calcutta Militia Cavalry or Infantry shall proceed to Europe on Furlough, they are to be returned as Supernumeraries of their respective Ranks, so long as they shall Continue to be eligible to return to the Hon'ble Company's Civil Service, and until Vacancies shall Occur for them in their respective Corps after their arrival in Bengal."

Consn. 14th Jany.

"Officers not belonging to the Hon'ble Company's Civil Service holding Commissions in the Calcutta Militia Cavalry or Infantry, and proceeding to Europe on Furlough, shall be in like manner, returned as supernumeraries for three Years, at the expiration of which time, if they shall not have returned to Bengal nor resigned their Commissions, their names shall be Struck off the Rolls of their respective Corps."

"Promotions Occasioned by Officers proceeding to Europe on Furlough to be dated from the dispatch of the Ships in which the Officers, causing such Vacancies, shall Sail."

49. We transmit a number in the Packet Plans and Surveys received from the Surveyor General, according to the List which accompanies them.

Consn. 28th Jany.
No. 29 & 30

50. On our Proceedings of the 11th of February is recorded a Memorial from Mrs. Montagu, Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Montagu of your Artillery Corps on this Establishment, praying in Consequence of the embarrassed State of her late Husbands affairs, that we would afford her some immediate assistance, and that we would also recommend her to your Hon'ble Court for a further permanent Provision for the support of her Family.

Consn. 11th Feby.
No. 1 & 2

51. Under the Circumstances of Mrs. Montagu's Case the Governor General deemed it proper to allow her a reasonable Sum for the purpose of enabling her to procure and defray the Expenses of Suitable Accommodation for herself and her family to Europe and accordingly granted her the Sum of Sa. Rs. 5,00 for that purpose.

52. With respect to Mrs. Montagu's request for a Provision, we resolved that she should be recommended to your Hon'ble Court for a Pension from Lord Clive's Fund, according to the Rank of her late Husband upon the necessary documents being furnished in conformity to your Orders. Adverting however, to the Circumstance of a considerable Sum of Money having become due to the Estate of the late Colonel Montagu on account of his share in the Property Captured at Seringapatam, and also to other means, which have been adopted for preventing Mrs. Montagu from being subjected to distress, we Considered ourselves precluded from recommending to your Hon'ble Court to make any further provision for her particularly as such a recommendation if adopted by you, would have furnished a precedent for future applications of a similar nature, and consequently, subjected the Company, unnecessarily to very heavy expenses.

53. John Lamb Private Invalid of His Majesty's 78th Regiment, and his Wife, have proceeded to Europe on Board of the Admiral Rainier, the Commander of which Ship has been informed that the Sum usually given by your Hon'ble Court for the Passage and Diet of Soldiers to Europe, will be paid to him in England on account of the two persons abovementioned.

Consn. 11th Feby. No. 20

54. Mr. Michael George Prendergast, one of the Securities of Mr. Robert Grant, late Field Pay Master, having refused to make good the Sum of Sa. Rs. 10,000, the amount in which he, Mr. Prendergast, had engaged to become responsible for Mr. Grant in his Conduct of Paymaster, we directed your Attorney to institute a Suit against Mr. Prendergast for that Sum in the Supreme Court of Judicature, in Conformity to the Opinion of the Advocate General recorded on our Proceedings of the 1st October 1798.

55. The Action was tried before that Court on the 21st of November last, when a Judgement was given in favour of the Defendant, partly upon the grounds that the Instrument Signed by Mr. Prendergast, and on which the Action was brought, did not amount, in the Opinion of the Court, to an immediate promise to, or Contract with the Company but Contained only a promise by Mr. Prendergast to Mr. Grant, that he would, at a future period, become Security.

Consn. 18th Feby. No. 29 to 33

56. We transmit a Number in the Packet for the information of your Hon'ble Court Copies of two letters from your Attorney, reporting fully, in Obedience to our Orders, the grounds upon which the Opinion of the Court was formed, with Copies of the Depositions of the Military Paymaster General and other Papers referred to by Mr. Jackson.

57. As your Law Officers concurred in thinking that the Hon'ble Company were entitled to a Judgement on the Case and as the Advocate General and Standing Counsel adhere to that Opinion, and have recommended

an Appeal from the decision of the Supreme Court, we have directed the Appeal to be preferred.

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sirs,
Your most faithful,
humble servants.

Fort William
27th February 1800.

[Original Per *Rose*
Duplicate Per *Lord Thurlow*
Triplicate Per *Princess Mary*
Quadruplicate Per *Anne*]

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LETTER DATED 31 JULY 1800

Request to count leave at Cape or other settlements for purposes of retirement on full pay—lascars in Bengal recruited for service in Madras—Bombay Government introduce system of contract in lieu of agency for supply of military stores—change in allowances of Adjutants of European regiments—Bengal army strengthened—repair and construction of military works—members of Military Board to give individual opinions in important cases—new gunpowder factory at Allahabad—appointments and promotions—Commissary of Stores not to be agent for gun-carriages in future—medals for 10th Regiment of Native Infantry.

Military Department

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

1. Our last address to your Hon'ble Court in this Department was dated the 27th of February 1800.

2. We have now the honour to transmit a Copy of that address and a Copy of our Proceedings from the 4th of March to the 31st of July 1800.

3. We have had the honour to receive your Letters of the 18th of June, 31st of October 1799, and 5th of March 1800, to which we shall now reply.

Answer to General Letter dated 18th June 1799

Par. 1. Mentioning the date of the last Letter.

2 to 4. Advising of several Brevet Commissions being forwarded in the Packet of the Charlton, also the Rank of the Cadets of 1796 who were allowed to remain in England, and the List of Rank of the Cadets of 1797.

5 & 6. Messrs. James Mc.Naghton, Suetonius H. Todd, and Robert French, appointed Cadets conditionally.

7. Mr. Richard Jones formerly appointed a Cadet for Madras transferred to Bengal.

8 & 9. Mr. James Fellowes and Mr. Robert Leny appointed assistant surgeons.

4. This paragraph requires no answer.

5th. These paragraphs with the List containing the Rank of the Cadets have been published in Orders.

Answer to General Letter dated 31st October 1799

Par 1. Noticing the date of the last Letter.

2. Acknowledging the receipt of the Letters from the Governor General in Council of the 24th December 1798 and 1st February 1799.

3. Communicating the Names of several Military Officers permitted to retire from the Service, and directing their Names to be struck out of the List of the Army.

4th. The time which Military Officers may have been absent on Leave to the Cape or to any other Settlement, not to be included as a part of the period of actual Service of Officers under the Regulations relative to retiring on Full Pay.

6. These paragraphs require no reply.

7. These paragraphs have been published in General Orders.

8. The Governor General in Council is not apprized of the Motives which have induced your Hon'ble Court to introduce the Regulation laid down in this paragraph into your Service. But His Lordship in Council considers it to be his duty to submit to your Hon'ble Court, our apprehensions of the

injurious Operation of this Regulation together with our respectful doubts of its Justice and policy.

9. The Indulgence of permission to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope, is conferred exclusively to sick Officers, under the prescribed Certificates of Sickness, from the Medical Board. Humanity therefore, and the Interests of the Company dictated the necessity of granting permission to such Officers to make a Voyage to the Cape of Good Hope. We are not aware that this Indulgence has been abused. The Inconvenience and great Expense attending such a Voyage appear to afford sufficient Security, that no Officer will attempt to proceed to the Cape of Good Hope unless such a change of Climate shall be considered to be indispensibly necessary for the recovery of his health.

10. With regard to the permission granted to Officers proceeding to the other Settlements, we beg leave to observe, that such permission is seldom desired unless with a view to the recovery of Health, and under the prescribed Certificates of Sickness. If other Motives at any time shall induce Officers to apply for permission to proceed to the other Presidencies, they can obtain it only when their temporary Absence from their Corps can produce no inconvenience to the Public Service. In such Cases Officers during their Leave of absence are considered to be as much in your Service as Officers actually present with their Regiments, they remain equally subject to any Orders which we may think proper to issue, and also to any Orders of the Government of that Presidency where they may actually reside during their Leave of Absence from this.

11. On these grounds we beg leave to express our anxious and earnest hope that your Hon'ble Court will repeal the Orders in question and will allow the period of time during which your Officers may be absent, under regular permission, either to the Cape of Good Hope or to the other Settlements, to be included in their length of Service, in Calculating the period required by your former Orders to enable them to retire upon Full Pay.

Par. 5. Transmitting Copy of an Order of His Majesty's Most Hon'ble Privy Council licensing the Company to export certain stores &ca. and directing the Certificates of the Stores landed to be furnished.

12. The Orders of your Hon'ble Court conveyed in this paragraph will be Carefully attended to.

6. Mr. James Robertson Assistant Surgeon permitted to return to his duty.

13. This paragraph has been published in Orders.

7. Transmitting two Brevet Commissions.

14. These Commissions have been sent to the Pay Master

General with directions to collect the Fees.

Answer to the Letter of the 5th March 1800

Par. 1 & 2. Noticing the date of the Courts last Letter, and acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Governor General in Council.

15. These paragraphs require no answer.

3. Transmitting a Bill of Exchange upon the Managers of the Military Orphan Society for £1300.

16. We have given directions to the proper Officers to receive the Amount of this Bill of Exchange on account of the Hon'ble Company at the Exchange of 2 Shillings the Current Rupee.

4. Certain Officers permitted to return to their rank on this Establishment.

17. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.

5. Informing that an advance of Two Hundred Pounds had been made to Captain Carpenter, to be repaid by him in Bengal within six Months after his arrival.

18. We have directed the Military Pay Master General to take the necessary Steps for recovering the amount of the Advance made to Captain Carpenter.

6. Captain R. Murray and Captain Lieutenant Agg permitted to retire from the service.

7. 107 Cadets appointed for the Infantry, and 5 for the Artillery and Engineers.

8. 11 Assistant Surgeons appointed for Bengal.

19. These paragraphs have been published in General Orders.

9 & 10. Advising that application[s] had been made in England by several Officers and Privates of His Majesty's Regiments serving in India who had been invalided or drafted and sent Home, for the difference between the former Pay and that allowed by His Majesty's Warrants dated 25th May and June, and 25th December 1797—That the Applications had been complied with, and transmitting a List of the

20. We have furnished the Military Auditor General with a Copy of these paragraphs and the List referred to, with directions to report to us whether any payments on the same account have been made to the Pay Masters of His Majesty's Regiments serving at this Presidency.

Names of the Officers and Men and directing that in the event of any part of the allowances having been paid in Bengal, the Same may be refunded or carried to the Credit of the Company.

11. Cadets for the Artillery and Engineer Corps educated at Woolwich and who shall be first reported qualified to proceed to India, to have precedence in those Corps without reference to their Rank in the General List of Cadets.

12. Advising that Mr. John Heming Jones has completed his Studies at Woolwich and proceeds this Season to Bengal.

21. These paragraphs have been published in Orders.

Fort. St. George

22. The Government of Fort St. George Judged it advisable to move a part of the Troops Serving in Canara into Mysoor, and to Station His Majesty's 77th Regiment at Chittledroog. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General in Council approved of this disposition of these Troops and their being no immediate prospect of the 77th Regiment being returned to the Presidency of Bombay he authorized the Government of Fort St. George to retain that Regiment and to consider it as a part of the Establishment of Troops attached to that Presidency.

Consn. 4th March No. 1

23. Captain H. C. Montgomery of the Madras Establishment now on duty at this Presidency represented to the Governor General in Council that he had been subjected to Supersession by the late promotion of the Subaltern Officers of the Establishment of Bengal who were Cadets of the Season 1782 to the Rank of Captains by Brevet from the 8th of January 1798, made in conformity to the Orders of your Hon'ble Court in the 66th paragraph of your General letter of the 29th May 1799.

Consn. 12th June No. 51 to 53

24. The Governor General in Council was Satisfied that it could not have been the intention of your Hon'ble Court, that this Brevet promotion should be confined to the Officers of this Establishment who were Cadets of the Season 1782, while there were Officers who were appointed Cadets of that year at the other Presidencies, and who had not Attained the rank of Captains in the army on the 8th of January 1798, a circumstance of which we presume your Hon'ble Court was not apprized.

25. On these grounds and In justice to the Officers on the Establishments of Fort St. George and Bombay, who were affected by that promotion, the Governor General in Council judged it proper to authorize the Governments of those Presidencies provided they should perceive no objection to the measure to confer the Rank of Captains by Brevet from the 8th of January 1798 upon the Officers of their respective Establishments who were appointed Cadets of the Season of 1782, and who had not attained the rank of Captain on the 8th of January 1798.

26. The Government of Fort Saint George having detached Captain Charlton an Officer of that Establishment to this Presidency for the purpose of intertaining gun Lascars for the Service of the Artillary on the Coast. The Governor General in Council judged it expedient with a view of promoting the object of that Officer's appointment, and also of Encouraging the Natives of these Provinces to enlist in the Army of the Presidency of Fort St. George, to publish in General Orders, that Sepoys and Lascars enlisted for the Service of that Presidency should have the option of returning to their Native Country or of remaining on the Coast after being invalided, and that the Pensions of those who might return to Bengal would be paid to them monthly during their Lives by a Public Officer of the District in which they might take up their residence.

Consn. 26th June No. 1 to 3

27. Captain Charlton is restricted by his Instructions from the Government of Fort St. George to the raising of 400 Lascars, and we have the satisfaction to observe that within the Space of three weeks after Captain Charltons arrival at this Presidency he had enlisted 110 Serviceable Recruits.

28. The Governor General in Council has given the necessary Orders for the Conveyance of the Recruits and their Families to Madras by Sea.

Consn. 17th July No. 15

Bombay

29. On our Consultations of the 3d of April are recorded the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay on the revision of the Military Branch of their Establishment in consequence of the Instructions issued to them for that purpose by the Governor General in Council under date the 6th of August 1798, together with a Letter from His Lordship in Council in reply.

30. From those Proceedings you will observe that the Government of Bombay at the recommendation of their late Commander in Chief and in conformity to the Opinion of their Military Board, determined that instead of providing the Military Stores by Agency those Stores shall in future be furnished by Contract. Your Hon'ble Court will observe that the Government of Bombay are confident that a very considerable Saving will be effected by this alteration in the mode of providing those Supplies. We expressed our

hopes to that Government that they would not be disappointed in their expectations, and at the same time desired that they would inform us of the result of the Arrangement as early as possible.

31. On the grounds of Economy and Public Utility we entirely approved of General Stuarts suggestion for the Abolition of the Separate Office of Kings Deputy Paymaster and of the Duties of that Office being performed in the same manner as they are Conducted at this Presidency.

32. From General Stuart's Minute it appears that great difficulties have hitherto attended the obtaining of Recruits for the Native Corps at Bombay. The Removal of so serious an Evil is of the greatest Importance, and we trust that the measures which have been adopted by the Government of Bombay will effectually obviate the difficulties which have been hitherto experienced in the recruiting of the Army of that Establishment.

Military Arrangements

Consn. 20th March No. 1 & 2

33. We transmit a number in the Packet a Copy of a Minute from His Excellency the Commander in Chief respecting the Employment of General Officers with their Regiments when not upon the Staff. We likewise forward a number in the Packet a Copy of a Minute from His Excellency on the question of the propriety of the duties of the Commandant of Cavalry being performed by the Colonel Commandant of that Corps when a General Officer on the Staff.

34. His Excellency's Sentiments on these subjects were delivered at the request of the Governor General in Council made in Consequence of the Orders Contained in the 78th, 167th & 168th Paragraphs of the Letter of Your Hon'ble Court dated the 29th May 1799.

Cons. 27th March No. 2 & 3

35. In Obedience to the Orders Contained in the 85, 86 and 87 paragraphs of that Letter, the Governor General in Council has discontinued the payment of the Allowance of 100 Ct. Rs. a Month which had been granted to the Adjutant of His Majesty's Regiments, and of the European Corps in the Service of the Company.

36. In Consequence of the Authority granted by you in that letter the Governor General in Council at the same time thought it proper to make an addition of Sixty Sonaut Rupees per Month to the Staff allowance of Adjutant of each European Corps of Cavalry, Artillery, or Infantry whether in the Service of His Majesty or of the Company, and we trust that this augmentation will not appear to you more than adequate to the laborious duties of these Staff Officers.

37. The Commander in Chief has stated fully in a Minute which is transmitted a Number in the Packet, the grounds upon which the additional allowance of 100 Ct. Rs. a Month was Originally granted to the Adjutants of the European Regiments, together with His Excellency's reason for

having on a former Occasion recommended that a Similar allowance should be made to the Adjutants of His Majesty's Regiments Serving under this Presidency.

38. Your Hon'ble Court will have been informed by the Government of Fort St. George of our having authorized them to detach that part of the Bengal Marine Battalion now on the Coast Consisting of Seven Companies for the relief of the Native Troops of the Madras Establishment now on duty at Malacca and at the Molucca Islands.

Consn. 17th April No. 28

39. The Governor General in Council also deeming it to be indispensably necessary that measures should be adopted without further delay for the future relief of the Companies of the Bengal Marine Battalion ordered to proceed to Malacca and to the Molucca Islands, and also for the immediate relief of those Companies belonging to the Battalion which have been on duty for a considerable time at Fort Marlbro' and Prince of Wales Island, His Lordship in Council directed Six additional Companies to be added to the Strength of the Marine Battalion.

Consn. 29th May No. 1, 2 & 3

40. In Consequence of the augmentation of the British Force in Oude in pursuance to the arrangements made for the reduction of the Military Establishment of the Nabob Vizier, the Governor General in Council judged it necessary to add two Regiments of Native Cavalry and two Regiments of Native Infantry, to the Military Establishment of Bengal. The two last mentioned Corps include the three Battalions of Volunteers now on their return from the Coast of Coromandel, so that the actual addition to the Native Infantry, with respect to the number of Firelocks will not Considerably exceed one Battalion.

41. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the 29th May last for the details of the Orders of the Governor General in Council for raising these Regiments, and also for the Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief upon the subject. We shall here only notice that the Governor General in Council Concurred Entirely in Opinion with the Commander in Chief as to the necessity of adding a Second Colonel to the Cavalry, and that the consequent promotions were accordingly made in that Corps.

42. We beg leave to draw the particular attention of your Hon'ble Court to the situation of Lieutenant Colonel Lambert, who by the present arrangement has attained the Rank of Full Colonel and the Command of a Regiment.

43. This Officer quitted India for Europe early in the Year 1793 and no Official accounts have been received respecting him Since the receipt of your Hon'ble Courts Letter of the 19th of April 1797 wherein you inform us that Lieutenant Colonel Lambert had obtained permission to return to his duty.

44. His Excellency the Commander in Chief laid before the Governor General in Council a Letter from the Medical Board respecting the provision of Medical assistance for the four New Regiments. That Board recommended that the four Senior Assistant Surgeons on the List should be promoted to the Rank of Full Surgeons for the purpose of being posted as Surgeons to the New Corps.

Consn. 19th June No. 14 to 16

45. There being several full Surgeons belonging to this Presidency absent on Furlough, who must be considered under the Regulations to form a part of the Establishment of Full Surgeons allowed for Corps, Garrisons, and Civil Stations, the promotion of Assistant Surgeons proposed by the Medical Board could not take place, Consistently with the Regulations, while there were Full Surgeons on the Establishment including those on Furlough, sufficient for the Number of Corps, Garrisons and Stations to which Full Surgeons are allowed.

46. Independent of this Consideration the promotion of the assistant Surgeons would have Occasioned a double expense to the Company, without affording any additional Medical Assistance. The Governor General in Council therefore did not Judge it proper to make the promotion recommended by the Medical Board.

47. With a View however of affording the necessary Medical assistance for the New Regiments, We Authorized the posting of the Four Senior Assistant Surgeons on the List, temporarily to the Several Regiments, and granted to them, as a Compensation for the performance of the additional duties, and in Consideration of the encreased responsibility which will Consequently devolve upon them the Batta of Full Surgeons according to the Situations in which they may be on duty.

Military Board, Buildings, &ca.

48. The Military Board laid before us a Report of Surveys and Estimates of the probable expense of repairing the public Buildings and the Embankment of the river at the Cantonments of Barrackpoor, and recommended that the several Works (excepting the proposed plan for the repair of the bank of the River) Should be immediately executed. The Governor General in Council Complied with the recommendation of the Military Board, restricting the expense to Sicca Rs. 14,534-14-5 the Amount of the Estimates.

Consn. 4th March Nos. 30 & 31

49. With respect to the bank of the river, the Military Board recommended that instead of protecting it with piles a quantity of Bricks should be thrown into those places which are most exposed to injury from the River and that the Bank should be sloped.

50. We likewise authorised this work, limiting the expense to Sicca Rupees 5,200.

51. The Governor General in Council also Authorized the Repair of the public Buildings at the Station of Cawnpore, restricting the expense of the works to St. Rupees 35,573-10-9 the amount of the Estimate made by the Deputy Quarter Master General.

Consn. 4th March Nos. 32 to 35

52. At the recommendation of the Military Board, the Governor General in Council authorized the repair of the public Buildings at the Stations of Mongheer and Futty Ghur, limiting the expense of the Works at the former place to Sicca Rupees 1,201-10-3 and that of the works at the latter to Sonaut Rupees 22,388-13-9 the amount of the Estimates.

Consn. 4th March Nos. 36 to 38 & 39 to 42

53. We have the honor to transmit a number in the packet, for the Information of your Hon'ble Court, an Account of deficiencies of Military Stores imported on the Asia.

Consn. 4th March No. 43

54. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorised the necessary Repairs to be made to the hospital for the Native Troops at Chunar, limiting the expense to St. Rs. 565-14 the Amount of the estimate.

Consn. 14th March Nos. 60 to 62

55. The Military Board laid before us the Report on the annual Survey of the public Buildings at Barrmpoor, with Estimates of the expense of the requisite repairs. The Board recommended that the necessary repairs of the plaister and the Colouring the Cantonments as well as the painting of the whole of the Officers Quarters and the Main Guard, should be authorized—The Governor General in Council Complied, with this recommendation, restricting the expense of the plaistering and Colouring to Sicca Rupees 7,113-8 and that of painting the Officers Quarters to Sa. Rs. 15,204.

Consn. 14th March Nos. 68 to 72

56. The Military Board having represented that Rolling Stones were requisite for levelling and keeping in order the practising ground, Ranges, Encampment and Roads at Dum Dum [sic]. The Governor General in Council authorised the purchase of three Rolling Stones for these purposes at an expense of Sa. Rs. 1,000.

Consn. 14th March No. 73

57. His Lordship in Council also authorized the Construction of Butts at Dum Dum, for proving of Ordnance, restricting the expense to Sicca Rupees 400.

Consn. 14th March No. 77

58. The Governor General in Council Authorized the necessary repairs to be made to the public Buildings at the Station of Chunar restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 8,591-4-1 the amount of the estimate.

Consn. 20th March Nos. 33 & 34

59. The Military Board laid before the Governor General in Council an application made by Captain Mouatt of the Corps of Engineers for a Commission of 10 Pr. Cent on the Amount of Certain disbursements made by him for Workmen Employed in Clearing the Glacis of the Fort of Allahabad, and in performing other inconsiderable works at that Station.

Consn. 27th March
Nos. 28 to 35

60. The Military Board at the same time recommended a Compliance with the application of Captain Mouatt. But as this exceptionable mode of drawing Commission on the amount of Disbursements made by Engineer Officers, had been long abolished, and as a Commission on the Amount of Captain Mouatt's Charges had been formerly recommended by the Military Board and rejected by the Governor General in Council, His Lordship in Council did not think it proper to Comply with this Second recommendation of that Board in favour of Captain Mouatt.

61. This recommendation of the Military Board in favour of Captain Mouatt's claim was Conveyed to the Governor General in Council in a Letter written by the Assistant to the Secretary of that Board addressed to the Secretary of the Government. With a view of having before us the fullest Information in the Cases of Reference from the Military Board involving questions of expense or affecting general principles, and also of rendering the Members of that Board at whose Suggestion such references may be made more immediately responsible for them, the Governor General in Council judged it proper to direct that in all such cases, the Members of the Military Board should Submit their respective Opinions on the Case, with the reasons at large on which those Opinions might be grounded.

Consn. 27th March

62. The Governor General in Council also directed that when the Military Board should have Occasion to Submit for his determination questions respecting which the Members of the Board might differ in Opinion, all the opinions of the Several Members should be submitted to him.

63. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council authorized the repair of the Kings and of the Artillery Barracks at Allahabad, restricting the expense of the Work to St. Rupees 2,684-8 the Amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 27th March
Nos. 45 to 47

64. We also authorized at the recommendation of that Board the rebuilding of some Store rooms at Dinapore which were lately destroyed by an explosion of Gun powder, limiting the expense to Sa. Rs. 3,875-10-2, the estimated amount.

Consn. 27th March
Nos. 48 to 51

65. The Military Board at the same time proposed the building of two Store rooms for the use of the European Corps at Dinapore, the Governor General in Council authorized the Construction of one Store room only,

conceiving it to be probable that the Regiment of European Dragoons will soon be moved from that Station. The expense of the Store room ordered to be constructed is limited to Sa. Rs. 2,747, the amount of the estimate formed by the Chief Engineer.

66. The Military Board submitted for the Consideration of the Governor General in Council, a plan for the improvement of the Sepoy Lines and the Sepoy Parade at the Station of Barrampore, accompanied by three Estimates of the Expense of the proposed works.

Consn. 27th March
Nos. 53 to 62

67. The Estimate No. 1 exhibits the probable expense of digging a Tank and removing the Earth taken from the excavation to fill up an Old Tank and Swamp, Amounting to Sicca Rupees 25,520-8-6.

68. The Estimate No. 2 States the probable expense of deepening an old Tank and removing the excavated Earth for the purpose of raising the Site of the Sepoy Hutts, amounting to Sa. Rs. 11433.

69. The Estimate No. 3 contains the probable expence of digging a Canal, and removing the excavated Earth to the Sepoy Parade, Amounting to Sicca Rupees 82,685-10.

70. The Military Board at the same time stated their Opinion that the execution of the principle part of the works might be intrusted to the Barrack Master of Barrampore, and the remainder to the Engineer Officer attached to that Station.

71. The proposition of the Military Board leading to very Considerable expense, and as they had not Classed the proposed works Conformably to the Regulations established on the 31st of January 1794, the Governor General in Council judged it proper to authorize only the works detailed in the Estimate No. 2, and the dressing and levelling a Swamp and making a sluice, these works appearing to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the health of the Troops.

72. With respect to the other works detailed in the Estimates No. 1 and 3 the Governor General in Council deemed it proper previous to passing any decision respecting them, to desire the Military Board to Class these works agreeably to the abovementioned Regulations, stating as required by those Regulations, the grounds upon which they might distribute the works in the Several classes.

73. The Board in a letter from their Secretary represented to the Governor General in Council that in their Opinion the Works stated in the Estimate No. 1 belonged to the First Class, as the object of them was to correct the unhealthiness of the Cantonment. With respect to the Estimate No. 3, the Board expressed their Opinion that it should be comprehended in the third Class being a work of a Nature which admitted of delay.

Consn. 24th April
No. 41

74. The Governor General in Council on this Occasion repeated his abovementioned Orders of the 27th of last Month, requiring the Board to Submit their Separate Opinions in Cases involving Considerable expense on General principles and desired them to Consider those Orders to be applicable to their reference respecting the works above Specified. The Governor General in Council has not received the reply of the Board to these orders.

75. The Military Board laid before the Governor General in Council their proceedings respecting the present state of the Sepoy Lines at the Station of Midnapore, and recommended that he would authorize the Construction of new Lines for the accommodation of one Regiment of Sepoys, as well as the digging of a Tank in order that the Troops may be supplied with good water. The Commander in Chief having stated the necessity of Lines being built for a Complete Regiment at Midnapore, and it being extremely desirable that the troops should at all times be supplied with wholesome water, we Complied with the Boards recommendation, restricting the expense of the Bells for Arms, Quarter and Rear Guards, and Store room to Sicca Rupees 13,801 and that of the Tank to Sicca Rupees 1250 the amount of the Estimates.

Consn. 27th March
No. 73

76. At the recommendation of the Military Board we authorized the building of two Bells for Arms and a small Store room for the use of the Troops at the post of Bishenpore restricting the expense to Sicca Rupees 214-15-6.

Consn. 3 April
No. 41

77. The Governor General in Council authorized the erection of four temporary Bells for Arms for the use of the extra Companies of Golandauze at the Presidency, restricting the expense to Sa. Rs. 165 the estimated amount, and also Mess room at Allahabad for the use of the Officers of His Majesty's 76th Regiment at an expense not exceeding St. Rupees 401.

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Nos. 50 & 51

Consn. 3d April
Nos. 52 to 54

78. On our proceedings of the 31st May 1799, are recorded two representations from the Military Board expressing their opinion that the providing for the repairs of detached Sepoy Cantonments by granting fixed Monthly sums for that purpose agreeably to the present Regulations, was a permanent Source of expense to the Company without preventing Occasional heavy charges for repairs, which it was expected would be obviated by the establishment of those Regulations the Military Board stated that they were in consequence preparing a Statement of the Monthly expense incurred on account of those repairs which they intended to lay before us, with propositions for having the repairs executed on a Survey and Estimate as they might become necessary under the Superintendance of a Staff Officer of the Corps which might be on duty at the Station.

Consn. 3d April

79. The Governor General in Council having had Occasion to recur to the above opinions and observations of the Military Board, and observing that their intended propositions had not yet been received, His Lordship thought it proper to Call their attention to the subject, and to desire that they would submit those Propositions to him as Early as might be practicable.

3d April 1800

80. All Military Buildings both at the principal Stations, and at out Posts, generally receiving an annual repair at the expense of the Company, the Governor General in Council directed the Military Board not to Confine their intended propositions to the Buildings at the out posts, but also to include all monthly allowances granted for repairing Buildings at the principal Stations, or for repairing roads &ca. which in their opinion might be dispensed with without Injury to the public Service.

81. His Excellency the Commander in Chief laid before the Governor General in Council the Proceedings of the Military Board respecting a very considerable and alarming deficiency in the Strength of the gunpowder made at this Presidency. It appeared on proving the whole of the Gun powder at the Station of Futty Ghur, that the Shell used in the Proof was projected not more than half the required distance taking a medium from all the Ranges noted in the Proof Reports. The Military Board at the same time suggested the propriety and Utility of establishing a new Gun powder Manufactory at Allahabad.

82. The Governor General in Council gave immediate directions to the Military Board to take an early opportunity of inspecting the Gun powder Manufactory at Pultah, and of reporting fully on the State of it. His Lordship also directed the Board to adopt effectual measures for ascertaining the Cause of the deficiency in the Strength of the Gun powder with a view of remedying this very Serious Evil.

83. The dryness of the Atmosphere, and other expected advantages, induced the Military Board to recommend the establishment of a new powder Manufactory at Allahabad, for the purpose of supplying the magazines at the Stations of Allahabad Cawnpore and Futty Ghur. The Governor General in Council approved of the propositions of the Military Board, and directed them to Submit such Arrangements as might appear to them proper for the Establishment of the new manufactory of Powder at Allahabad.

84. The Governor General in Council deeming it of the greatest Importance that efficient Regulations should be adopted respecting the Proof and the Inspection of the Gun powder made at both Manufactories, he directed the Military Board to prepare such regulations as might appear to them best Calculated for ascertaining the true quality and strength of the Gun powder.

85. Captain Joseph Taylor having been an Assistant to his Agents for making Gun powder for the year 1794 and that Officer possessing ample

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No. 41

experience and Knowledge in all the branches of the Manufactory, he appeared to the Governor General in Council to be the most proper person for Superintending the new powder Works at Allahabad. His Lordship in Council Accordingly appointed Captain Taylor to that Situation and directed the Military Board to furnish Captain Taylor with the necessary Instructions for collecting Materials for the requisite Buildings and Machinery.

Consn. 22d May
No. 28

86. At the recommendation of the Military Board we Authorized Captain Taylor to entertain in Calcutta a Mill Wright at the Wages of 100 Rupees a month, an European Cooper at 20 Rupees a month, Six Native Coopers at 7 Rupees each per month and a Sircar at 25 Rupees a month.

87. We also Authorized the Military Board to send at the Conclusion of the present Season of manufacture three Zinc Cylender [*sic*] Mills from the powder works at Pultah to Allahabad for the use of the new Works.

Consn. 10th July
Nos. 15 & 16

88. On our Proceedings of the 10th July are recorded Estimates of the expense of the Buildings and Machinery required for the new works for the Manufacture of Gun powder at Allahabad Amounting to 83,674-14 Sa. Rs. with the proceedings of the Military Board on the subject.

89. The Chief Engineer proposed at that Board that the Construction of the buildings should be committed to the Engineer Officers employed in Carrying on the Fortifications and Works at Allahabad.

90. But as the Governor General in Council had previously by his orders of the 8th May founded on the recommendation of the Military Board, intrusted the charge of erecting the Buildings, to Captain Taylor the Superintendent of the Manufactory and deeming it proper also that the responsibility of the Constructing the Buildings, and the Machinery should rest (as far as might be practicable and Consistent with the public Service) with that Officer, his Lordship declined the Suggestions of the Chief Engineer.

91. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council authorized the execution of the following works at Fort Mornington at the expense undermentioned.

Consn. 24th April
Nos. 35 to 39

92. A Causeway and a Draining Sluice across the Nullah Sicca Rs. 1615. The renewal of the Bank of a Tank for the purpose of Securing a Supply of fresh water for the use of the Garrison Sa. Rs. 1,333, and the Clearing of the Nullah leading from the Sluice to the River Sa. Rs. 1625.

Consn. 24th April
Nos. 59 & 60

93. We also authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board the new roofing of the Offices of the Quarters of the Staff Officers at Chunar and the new roofing of the Artillery shed at that Station, restricting the expense of both

works to Sa. Rs. 1,639-3-3 the Amount of the Estimate formed by the Engineer Officer.

Consn. 1 May Nos. 23 to 25

94. In consequence of the Augmentation of European Troops at the Station of Cawnpore, and the consequent encreased number of European Patients in the Hospital, it became necessary to enlarge the General Hospital at that Station. The Governor General in Council accordingly authorized the Construction of an additional Range of Buildings for the accommodation of the Patients restricting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 10,179-5 the amount of the Estimate formed by the Deputy Quarter Master General.

Consn. 9th May Nos. 7 to 38

95. The Military Board laid before us their Proceedings on the Report on the Annual Survey of the Public Works and Military Buildings in Fort William, accompanied by Estimates of the Expense of the several proposed Works and repairs and an Abstract of the whole classed conformably to the established Regulations.

96. The Amount of the Estimates are as follows :—

Works of the First Class	1,22,297-4
Works of the Second Class	61,120-2-7
Works of the Third Class	28,575-11-6
Making in the Aggregate Sa. Rs. ..	2,01,993-2-1

97. The Governor General in Council after a full consideration of the propositions of the Military Board authorized the execution of the Works comprehended in the First Class with the exception of the Platforms and Saul Timbers, the Expense of which was estimated at Sicca Rupees 15,820. And also of the proposed Shed in the Yard attached to the Arsenal for preparing Gun Moulds the Cost of which is estimated at Rupees 3669-8. Deducting these Sums, the Expense of the works authorized amounted to Sa. Rs. 1,02,807-12.

98. With respect to the Platforms and Saul Timbers it not appearing that these Articles had been noticed in the Proceedings of the Committee appointed to make the Survey. We directed the Military Board to state separately such propositions as they might have to offer regarding the Platforms, &ca. in separate Proceedings, and Being doubtful of the necessity of constructing the proposed Shed in the Arsenal, the Gun Moulds having hitherto been prepared without any such Building, We directed the Military Board to reconsider this point, and to ascertain whether the proposed Shed might not be dispensed with. In consequence of the subsequent explanations furnished by the Military Board on the subject of these Works, the Governor General in Council judged it expedient to authorize them.

99. The Proceedings of the Military Board on the subject of the abovementioned Survey of the Military Buildings in Fort William contain their

discussions on the subject of a proposition of the Chief Engineer for obtaining by Contract the Timbers and Plank required for the present Repairs of the Works of Fort William instead of indenting for these articles on the Agent of supplies, agreeably to the existing Regulations.

100. A difference of Opinion having arisen at the Military Board on the subject of this proposition, it was submitted for the consideration of the Governor General in Council.

101. On the fullest consideration of the subject the Governor General in Council deemed it proper to adhere to the present mode of providing the Timber. The discussion however led to the notice of some irregularities in the mode of fixing the prices of Stores which we trust will be effectually corrected by the Resolutions which we passed on the subject, and which your Hon'ble Court will find recorded on our Proceedings of the 8th May last.

Consn. 15th May
Nos. 38 to 42

102. We authorized the necessary Repairs to be made to the Parade and to the Public Roads at the Station of Burrampoor restricting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 7694-8 the Amount of the Expense of the Works as estimated by the Chief Engineer.

Consn. 22nd May
Nos. 11 to 15

103. It having been found necessary to make some alterations in the Hospital at Allahabad with a view to the better accommodation of the Patients and also to make some Repairs to the Hospital, we authorized these Works limiting the Expense to St. Rs. 1505, the amount of the Estimate.

Consn. 29th May
Nos. 2) to 22

104. Some of the Buildings at the Station of Barrackpore having been damaged by a Storm we authorized them to be repaired, restricting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 159-8.

Consn. 29th May
Nos. 23 to 25

105. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council likewise authorized the repair of the Gun-powder Magazine and Sentry Boxes at the Station of Berhampore, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 89-10-5.

Consn. 5th June
Nos. 66 to 69

106. The Military Board having represented the necessity of constructing a New Kitchen for the use of the Native Hospital at Chunar, we authorized the work, the Expense of which amounts to St. Rs. 220-13-4.

Consn. 26th June
Nos. 34 to 36

107. In Consequence of the movement of an additional Regiment of Native Infantry to Chunar, it became necessary to make some Repairs to the temporary Buildings at that Station for the accommodation of the Native Troops. The Expense of these Works amounted to St. Rs. 1868-11-8 the Amount of the Estimate.

108. The Military Board having represented that the Doors, Windows and Locks of all the Public Bungalows at the Station of Barrackpore required Considerable repair, the Governor General in Council authorized the necessary Repairs restricting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 3570-10.

Consn. 26th June
Nos. 39 to 45

109. We have the honour to transmit a number in the Packet an Account of Gunpowder supplied from the Company's Stores to Captain Prescott Commander of the Ship Princess Charlotte, in order to enable your Hon'ble Court to adjust the Account with the Owners of the Ship.

Consn. 31st July
No. 53

110. We authorized the Construction of a Drain round the European Barracks at Gazypore, restricting the Expense to Sa. Rs. 2645, the estimated Amount of it.

Consn. 31st July
Nos. 43 to 45

Board of Superintendence for improving the Breed of Cattle

111. On our Consultation of the 14th of March are recorded the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence exhibiting the charges on account of the Establishment from its Commencement to the close of the Year 1798/9 and an Estimate of the probable Expenses in the year 1799/1800.

112. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to the Proceedings of the Board for a detailed account of the progress of the Establishment, and shall only here observe, that we approved of the Proceedings and also of the Estimate of the Expense of the year 1799/1800 with the exception of the Expense of Stables for Fillies and Colts amounting to Sa. Rs. 8000, and of Stables with covered Manege amounting to Sa. Rs. 4000 which works we did not think it proper to authorize—The Estimate deducting the above Sums amounts to Sa. Rs. 65,862-4-6.

Consn. 14 March
Nos. 84 to 90

113. For the details of other measures which we have taken for promoting the objects of the Institution, We beg leave to refer you to our Proceedings of the dates annexed.

Consn. 20th March
Nos. 36 to 39

114. We transmit a number in the Packet a Duplicate of the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence which were lost in consequence of the Capture of the Zephyr Packet.

Consn. 15th May
No. 52

115. We also transmit a number in the Packet the Proceedings of the Board of Superintendence from the 1st December 1799 to the 30th of April 1800.

Consn. 15th May
No. 53

116. The Board of Superintendence submitted for our consideration Propositions for distributing the Brood Mares belonging to the Stud amongst the Native Villagers in the Vicinity of Pusa. These propositions were grounded upon Information furnished by the Superintendent, from which it appeared that it had long been the practise in that District for the Villagers to receive charge of

Consn. 17th July
Nos. 44 & 45

Brood Mares upon certain Conditions both with respect to the feeding of the Mares and the disposal of the Colts.

117. The Board being confident that the distribution of the Mares in the manner proposed was more likely to promote the purposes of the Institution than an Adherence to the existing System, the Governor General in Council authorized the adoption of the Plan.

Appointments

118. Mr. S. H. Todd who was Conditionally Appointed a Cadet for this Establishment by the 6th paragraph of your Hon'ble Court's Letter of the 18th of June 1799 having produced the Documents required to entitle him to the Appointment, Mr. Todd has been Admitted into your Service Accordingly, and promoted to the rank of Ensign.

Consn. 3rd April
Nos. 33 & 34

119. The Right Hon'ble the Governor General has Appointed Captain Fraser of your Native Cavalry to be an Aid du Camp on the Staff to His Lordship.

Consn. 3rd April
No. 60

120. Major General W. Popham who was appointed to the Staff of this Establishment by the Governor General in Council on the 2d of January last has been appointed to Command the Troops at the Presidency Station.

121. Major General Popham Conformably to the principle adopted by our Resolution of the 9th of June and 18th December 1797, and approved by your Hon'ble Court in the 99th paragraph of your letter of the 29th of May 1799 has also been appointed to preside at the Military Board as Vice President in the absence of the Commander in Chief.

Consn. 10th April
No. 26

122. The Governor General has appointed Captain H. C. Montgomery of the 2d Regiment of Madras Cavalry to Command the Governor Generals Body Guard, and Lieutenant T. A. Daniell of the 4th Regiment of the Madras Cavalry to be Adjutant and Quarter Master to the Corps.

Consn. 17th April
No. 1

123. In consequence of Major General Duff having retired from the Service, Major General G. Deare being the Senior Colonel of Artillery has been nominated Colonel Commandant of the Corps.

Consn. 1st May

124. The Governor General in Council has appointed Mr. John Hall, to be Pay Master of the Artillery, Garrisons, and Ordnance Department of the Troops at the Presidency and Barrampoor, and of the King's and Company's allowances to His Majesty's Troops, in the room of Mr. Leonard Collings deceased.

Consn. 29th May
No. 39

125. Brevet Captain Thomas Preston of Engineers, has been appointed Executive Officer in Fort William in the room of Captain Wyatt who requested permission to resign that Office.

Consn. 12th June
No. 1

126. Captain Taylor having been removed from the Situation of assistant to Mr. Farquhar Agent for the Manufacture of Gun powder, and Considering it to be of essential importance to the Public Service that timely provision should be made for the conduct of the duties of this important Situation in the event of its becoming vacant by the death, absence, or Resignation of Mr. Farquhar, we appointed Mr. James Brice to succeed Captain Taylor as Assistant to Mr. Farquhar, and directed him to repair immediately to the manufactory at Pultah.

Consn. 12th June
No. 2

127. We fixed Mr. Brices Salary at 500 Rupees a Month, which sum includes house rent.

128. Lieutenant Colonel Marshall having resigned the Command of the Ramghur Battalion, The Governor General in Council Appointed Major Samuel Jones to succeed to the Command of that Corps.

Consn. 26th June
No. 54

Furloughs

129. We have permitted the following Officers to proceed to Europe on Furlough.

Consn. 4th March — Captain Robert Turton of Artillery for the Adjustment of his private Concerns.

Consn. 3rd July
Nos. 11 & 12 — Lieutenant Thomas Hall for the recovery of his health.

Miscellanea

130. The Governor General in Council thinks it proper to point out to the notice of your Hon'ble Court the Correspondence recorded on the Proceedings of the 4th of March from which you will observe that Captain Cotton Commander of your Ship Caffnells delivered up, in a manner highly creditably to himself to the Commanding Officer at Malacca, three European Soldiers who had deserted from the Detachment serving at Prince of Wales Island, and clandestinely repaired on Board of the Cuffnells.

Consn. 4th March
Nos. 4 to 7

131. We have the honour to inform your Hon'ble Court that the Bond executed by Major Prole for £125 advanced to him in England as advised in the 10th paragraph of your Letter of the 2d of March 1798, has been duly liquidated, and the Amount carried to the Credit of Account Current London on the Military Books.

Consn. 14th March
No. 63

132. We transmit a number in the Packet an Original Affidavit made by Mrs. Montagu Widow of the late Lieutenant Colonel Edward Montagu of your Artillery on this Establishment and beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Montagu may be admitted to the benefits of the late Lord Clives Fund.

Consn. 10th April
Nos. 9 to 11

133. We have permitted Mrs. Montagu to draw in India a Sum equal to the Amount of the Pension of the Widow of a Lieutenant Colonel, until we shall be advised of the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court.

134. Having in consequence of the Instructions Contained in the 61st paragraph of your Letter of the 29th of May 1799 on the subject of the present Agency for the provision of Gun Carriages, taken into Consideration how far the duties of the Agency are incompatible with the Official duties of the Commissary of Stores, and also whether they are in any respect at variance with the principles of the existing Regulations, the Governor General in Council was satisfied that the rules and Checks established for the conduct of the Agency, were as Compleat and perfect as the nature of the Circumstances would admit—The Governor General in Council was at the same time clearly of Opinion that the duties of the Agency were incompatible with those of the Commissary of Stores, and he therefore determined that they should be Separated and that the present Agency should cease as soon as Circumstances shall admit of its being discontinued.

Consn. 10th April No. 25

135. We directed the Military Board to consider without delay the Steps necessary to be taken in order to Carry into effect the determination of the Governor General in Council for separating the duties of the Agency, for the Provision of Gun Carriages from the Office of Commissary of Stores, and to consider and report the best mode of providing Gun Carriages, Tumbrils and Ammunition Carts for the Public Service in future.

136. We further directed the Military Board to lay before us a Comparative Statement of the Table of Standard Rates which was formed at the Commencement of the Agency for providing Gun Carriages and of the actual Cost including all the charges on account of the Carriages made up by the present Agent to the latest period.

137. In considering the subject of this Agency, we had occasion to advert to our Orders to the Military Board of the 14th of January 1799 requiring that Board to furnish certain Statements and Information respecting this Agency, of which we had the honour to advise your Hon'ble Court in the 95th, 96th and 97th paragraphs of our Letter of the 29th of August 1799, and finding that they had not replied to those Orders, and that no Sufficient reason appeared for the delay, We were under the necessity of expressing our disapprobation of their inattention to our directions on a subject of so much importance.

138. Major General Sir James Craig submitted to the Governor General in Council an application for an addition to his Allowances for the period during which the Army was assembled in the Viziers Dominions under his Command in 1798/9 to reimburse him for the extraordinary Expense to which he was unavoidably subject while employed on that service.

139. The Governor General in Council deeming it just that Major General Sir James Craig should be reimbursed for the extraordinary Expense to which he was unavoidably subject during his Command, we granted to him the sum of Sonaut Rupees 1500 a Month to commence from the 1st of December, the date on which the Troops marched into Camp, and to cease on the 31st of May following when the Camp broke up.

Consn. 17th April Nos. 2 to 4

140. We transmit a number in the Packet an Affidavit and a Certificate of Marriage produced by Mrs. Elwood Widow of the late Captain Thomas M. Elwood of Artillery, and beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Elwood be admitted to the benefits of the Pension.

Consn. 17th April Nos. 8 to 11

141. We also transmit a number in the packet an affidavit and a Certificate of Marriage produced by Mrs. Wasmus Widow of the late Charles Wasmus Surgeon, and beg leave to recommend that she be admitted to the benefits of the Pension.

Consn. 24th April Nos. 67 to 69

142. We have given Orders for paying monthly to Mrs. Elwood and Mrs. Wasmus a Sum equivalent to the Pensions to which they are respectively entitled.

143. We transmit a number in the Packet a List for the year 1799 of Children of Non Commissioned Officers and Private Europeans of the Bengal Army receiving the monthly allowance from the Company exhibiting the Casualties which have occurred during the year, and distinguishing the Orphans from those Children whose Fathers are living.

Consn. 22nd May No. 45

144. We beg leave to notice to your Hon'ble Court that the Name of Charles Connor Matross was inserted in the List of Military on Board of the Princess Mary but that the Commander Captain Nash informed us that no such person was embarked in England on the Princess Mary.

Consn. 5th June No. 1 & 2

145. The 10th Regiment of Native Infantry having arrived at Cawnpore after an Absence from this Presidency of more than Three years and a half, the Governor General in Council expressed in Public Orders to the Army his entire approbation of the exemplary Conduct of this distinguished Regiment in the several arduous and important Services on which it has been employed in the Peninsula of India during its long absence from these Provinces.

146. The Governor General in Council at the same time expressed his Approbation of the Conduct of the Artillery and Lascars who have been attached to the 10th Regiment during the time of its absence from these Provinces as being equally entitled to his Commendation.

147. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin for the Orders which were issued on the Occasion—We shall here only add that with a view of perpetuating the memory of the Services of the 10th Regiment, of distinguishing the Individuals who have served in the Corps, and of exciting an Emulation amongst the Native Troops, to imitate the laudable Example set by these Corps, the Governor General in Council judged it proper to order honorary Medals to be conferred on all the Native Commissioned and Non Commissioned Officers and Sepoys of the Regiment, and also on the Lascars belonging to the Artillery attached to the Regiment during the time of its absence from these Provinces.

Consn. 19th June

148. We have the honour to transmit the undermentioned Papers a number in the Packet for the Information of your Hon'ble Court.

Consn. 19th June No. 8

A General Return of the Hon'ble Company's Troops under this Presidency.

A List of the Army—Two Quarterly Returns of Artillery and Infantry.

A List of Officers, on Furlough, made up to the 1st April 1800.

A List of Casualties in the Army since the 14th of January 1800.

149. Mrs. Brock Widow of the late Ensign Brock of the New South Wales' Corps delivered to us a Letter from the Governor of New South Wales stating that She was under the necessity of proceeding to India with a view of obtaining a passage to England. Mrs. Brock having a Family of Three Children with her, and being in Circumstances of Extreme Distress, the Governor General in Council was induced from the peculiar Circumstances of her Case, to order Mrs. Brock and her Children to be accommodated as Charter Party Passengers on Board of the Princess Mary, and to grant her the sum of 500 Rupees to enable her to provide herself and her Children with Necessaries for the Voyage.

Consn. 10th July No. 31 & 32

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sirs,
Your most faithful
humble servants

Fort William,
the 31st of July 1800.
[Original per *Princess Mary*
Duplicate per Do.
Triplicate per *Asia*
Quadruplicate per *Friendship*]

LETTER DATED 27 NOVEMBER 1800

Bombay cadets holding H.M. commissions not given precedence over others—award of honorary medals to Bengal Volunteers Corps—repair and construction of military works—Agent for Gun-carriages to have fixed salary—measures to improve quality of gunpowder—re-modelling of Calcutta Native Militia—appointments, resignations and furlough—pension to widows—clothing of army as well as native invalids by contract—military expenses—relief to troops aboard the Kent *captured by the French—continuance of field tent allowance to General Staff Officers in Oudh.*

To the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for affairs of the Hon'ble United Company of Merchants of England trading to the East Indies.

Hon'ble Sirs,

The last address of the Most Noble the Governor General in Council in this Department to your Hon'ble Court was dated the 31st of July 1800.

2. We have now the honor to transmit to you a Copy of that address and a Copy of our proceedings from the 7th of August to the 27th of November 1800.

3. We have had the honor to receive your Letter in this Department of the 18th of April 1800.

Answer to the General Letter of the 18th April 1800

Para 1st & 2. Noticing the date of the Court's last Letter, and acknowledging the receipt of Letters from the Governor General in Council.	4. These paragrapns require no reply.
3d. Advising that some Iron Guns and Grapnails which had been saved from the wreck of the Henry Addington had been shipped on the Ceres for Bengal.	5th. The Military Board have been furnished with the information Contained in this paragraph.
4th. Adverting to the Courts Orders of the 29th of May 1799 permitting Doctor F. Balfour to retire from the Service on the pension of a Head Surgeon, and stating that as that Gentleman had	6th. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.

declined accepting the allowance and applied for permission to return to his duty without prejudice to his Rank, he had obtained leave to return to the Service accordingly.

5th. Directing that as all Military Officers when they return from Furlough either resume the rank they held in the Regiment or Battalion when they left India, or occupy such higher ranks as they may have become entitled to by promotion during their absence on Furlough that a similar rule shall take place in respect to the Medical Servants attached to the Military including Surgeons of General Hospitals and also Members of the Medical Board provided they shall have been Members of that Board previous to their leaving India.

7th. We shall take an early opportunity of Submitting for the consideration of your Hon'ble Court Our Sentiments regarding the operation of the Regulation contained in this paragraph.

6. Doctor Balfour to benefit by the foregoing Regulation on his arrival at Bengal.

7th. 8th. 9th. 10th. & 11th. Stating that Misconstruction had been put upon the Court's Orders of the 27th July 1796 by several Comman ders of Ships respecting the passage Money for Officers to and from India—Further explanations of those orders and the Sums specified which are to be allowed in future.

8. The Military Auditor General has been furnished with Copies of these paragraphs, and we have directed him to adhere strictly to the orders contained in them in auditing all bills for the passage Money of Officers proceeding to Europe.

12th. 13th 14th. & 15th. Advising that some pieces of Ordnance, side arms, small Stores and Harness complete, &ca. for the use of the horse Artillery at this Presidency had been Shipped on board of the Brunswick, that the Court had it in contemplation to send out Medium Twelve pounders, but that as Guns of that Calibre were not in general use in His Majesty's

9. The Military Board have been furnished with copies of these paragraphs.

Service they had declined for the present Sending those Guns.	
16. Directing that annual Lists of the persons receiving Pensions from the Military Fund be transmitted to England with the amount of the Pensions and noting the Casualties as they occur.	10. We have directed the Military Pay Master General to prepare and furnish regularly in future the Lists required by this paragraph.
17. The names of Several Officers permitted to return to their duty.	11. This paragraph has been published in General Orders.
18. An Advance of 100£ made to Captain W. Franklin to be repaid in Bengal.	12. We have directed the proper Officer to recover from Captain Franklin the amount Advanced to him in England by your Hon'ble Court.
19. Mr. James Ross Assistant Surgeon permitted to return to his duty.	13. These paragraphs have been published in General Orders.
20. Containing the names of several assistant surgeons appointed for Bengal.	
21. Advising that Captn. Dubois and Captain A. Davies had retired from the service, and directing that in consequence their names be Struck off the List of the Army.	

Bombay

Consn : 28 August No. 41 to 45

14. The Government of Bombay referred to the Governor General in Council an application from Lieutenant T. Staunton of that Establishment claiming rank above the Cadets appointed in the same Season as himself, in Consequence of his having held a Commission in His Majesty's Service.

15. It appeared from this reference that the rule which prevails at this Presidency, under the Authority of your Hon'ble Court for granting precedence to those Cadets who have held Military Commissions in His Majesty's Service had not been adopted at the Presidency of Bombay and that the claim of Lieutenant Staunton and other previous claims of a Similar Nature had been rejected. For this reason and as a Compliance with the Lieutenant Staunton's present application would have occasioned a supersession of Officers who have had every reason to Conclude that under the Regulations in force at Bombay they have hitherto only ranked in their proper Situations

relatively with Lieutenant Staunton, the Governor General in Council did not think proper to sanction a Compliance with Lieutenant Staunton's application.

16 The Governor General in Council however informed the Government of Bombay that he was not apprized of any objection to the future adoption at that Presidency of the rule which obtains in Bengal and which gives to Cadets who have held Commissions in His Majesty's Service precedence in rank over Cadets of the Same Season who have not borne such Commission.

Fort St. George

17. We authorised the payment at this Presidency, of the usual Pension to Mrs. Butler Widow of the late Lieutenant John Butler of the Establishment of Fort St. George, conformably to an application from the Right Hon'ble the Governor in Council.

Cons : 18th Septr. No. 2 & 3

Military Arrangements

18. The three Battalions of Bengal Volunteers having returned to these Provinces the Governor General in Council notified in public Orders to the Army his most Cordial approbation of the distinguished Services rendered to the British Empire in India by the European and Native Officers and privates of those Gallant and Meritorious Corps, during the late Arduous Crises of public affairs.

19. The Governor General in Council remarked with the Warmest Sentiments of gratitude the alacrity and Zeal Manifested by the Native Officers and privates of the Volunteer Battalions in their Voluntary Embarkation for the Coast of Coromandel at the Eve of the late Glorious War. After the Commencement of the war, the exemplary discipline, Valour and Steadiness of the Bengal Volunteers, were eminently conspicuous on various important Occasions; and the Official reports which His Lordship repeatedly received from the Field during his residence at Fort St. George justified him in attribution to the Bengal Volunteers a Considerable portion of the Glory and Honor acquired by the British Arms during the brilliant and Memorable Campaign in Mysoor.

20. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings noted in the Margin for the Orders at large which the Governor General in Council published on the Occasion, and also for a Minute of His Excellency the Commander in Chief, containing the most favourable reports of the Uniform Fidelity, Attachment dutiful Subordination, and determined Courage manifested by the Volunteer Battalions on every Emergency. We shall only further observe that for the

Cons : 7 August No. 1 & 2

purpose of Commemorating the Services of those Valuable Corps and of recommending their Example to the Imitation of their Fellow Soldiers, the Governor General in Council ordered that honorary Medals be conferred on all the Native Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers, and privates of the three Battalions of Bengal Volunteers recently returned from the Coast of Coromandel.

21. The Governor General in Council issued orders on the 24th of September (the usual Season of the year for moving and relieving the different Corps of the Army), for Carrying into effect a General Relief of the Troops according to a plan submitted to His Lordship in Council by His Excellency the Commander in Chief.

22. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings noticed in the Margin for the Arrangement and distribution of the Troops, by the present orders of Relief.

Cons : 7 Septr. No. 2 to 4

23. The Governor General in Council at the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief issued orders for forming the Native Volunteers proceeding on Service from this Presidency by Sea, into a Battalion, and appointed Major E. S. Broughton to Command the Corps.

Cons: 6 November No. 8

24. The following staff was at the same time authorized for the Volunteer Battalion Vizt.

An European Adjutant
A Quarter Master
A Serjeant Major
A Quarter Master Serjeant.

Military Board, Buildings, &ca.

25. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council authorized the repair of the Roof of the Hospital for Insane Sepoys at Mongheer, restricting the Expense to 80 Rupees. His Lordship also gave his sanction to the disbursement of Sicca Rupees 150 for the purpose of clearing the Fort of Jungle.

Cons: 14th August No. 16 to 19

26. The Governor General in Council authorized the making of a Road from the Parade to the Main Guard at the Station of Barrampore and some Repairs to the General Hospital and the Offices at Chunar, restricting the Expense of the former Work to Sicca Rupees 456-11-8, and that of the latter to Sicca Rupees 1814-12.

27. The Governor General in Council at the recommendation of the Military Board authorized the Repair of the Public Buildings at Chittagong and of the Bells of Arms and Serjant's Bungalow of the 16th Regiment at Dinapore, limiting the Expense of the former work to Sa. Rs. 263 and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 367-7.

Cons: 14th August
No. 30 to 34

28. The Military Board laid before the Governor General in Council an Estimate of the Expense of making up a Set of Saddles, Bridles, and Horse Accoutrements for the 5th Regiment of Native Cavalry. His Lordship authorized the making up the several articles as proposed by the Military Board, restricting the Expense to Benares Sicca Rupees 12,692-13 the amount of the Estimate.

Cons: 21st August
No. 29 to 32

29. The Governor General in Council also authorized the making up of a Set of Saddles Bridles and Horse Accoutrements for the 6th Regiment of Native Cavalry, restricting the Expense to Benares Sa. Rs. 12,692-13.

Cons: 2d October
No. 31 & 32

30. The Military Board having stated the necessity of giving some Repairs to the Lines at Chunar for the accommodation of a Battalion of Sepoys. The Governor General in Council authorized the proposed work, restricting the Expense to Sonaut Rupees 1101-10, the amount of the Estimated Expense.

Cons: 11 Septr.
No. 57 to 60

31. At the recommendation of the Military Board, the Governor General in Council authorized the Repair of the Hospital and Lines of the Corps of Golandauze at the Presidency, restricting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 417-3-9.

Cons: 25th Septr.
No. 30 to 36

32. The Governor General in Council authorized the Superintendent of the Bandel Farm to cure during the ensuing Cold season, four hundred Barrels of Beef, each containing 360 lbs. and One hundred and fifty Casks of Pork, each containing 360 lbs.

Cons: 9th October
No. 16 & 17

33. With the view of obtaining a Sufficient Stock of Salt Provisions to answer the probable demands of the ensuing Year, the Governor General in Council also authorized the purchase of 150 Tierces of European Salted Provisions on the arrival of the Ships from Europe, provided the quantity could be purchased on reasonable Terms.

34. The Governor General in Council authorized the making up of Six Carts for the Department of the Executive Officer in Fort William, restricting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 96 for each Cart.

Cons: 16th October
No. 26 & 27

35. His Lordship in Council also authorized the Construction of a small House and Offices for the accommodation of the Conductor in Charge of the Magazine of Gunpowder at Pultah, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 3503-14 the Estimated Cost of the Building.

Cons: 16th October
No. 29 & 30

36. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council authorized the Painting of the Barracks at the Station of Dinapore, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 18,994-4-10. His Lordship also authorized the Covering of the Drains, and the Plaistering of the Walls of the European Hospital restricting the Expense of the former Work to Sicca Rupees 3,659-15 and that of the latter to Sa. Rs. 2,685-15-4.

Cons: 30th October
No. 35 & 36

37. The Governor General in Council also authorized the roofing with Tiles the Sepoy Hospital at Dinapore, and the rebuilding three Beils of Arms which were burnt down at the Station. The Expense of these Worns was limited to Sicca Rupees 825-4-6.

38. In pursuance of the orders of the Governor General in Council (of which your Hon'ble Court were advised in the 135th and 136th paragraphs of our Letter of the 31st July last) the Military Board laid before us their Proceedings respecting the best mode of providing Gun Carriages and Tumbrils &ca. for this Presidency. The Military Board were decidedly of opinion that the System of Agency is preferable to that of Contract, with this deviation from the former System, that the Agent should be allowed a fixed Salary instead of being paid by receiving the half of the difference between the Standard Rates of Prices fixed for the several discriptions of Gun Carriages and their actual Cost. The opinion of the Military Board was founded, independently of considerations of economy, in the absolute necessity of committing this duty to a Person on whose skill and Integrity the Government might depend for making these articles of that Strength, durability and fitness so essentially requisite to the success of our Arms.

39. Frequent Complaints having been made of the badness of the Barrels prepared for the use of the Gunpowder Manufacture, the Military Board at the same time suggested, that the making of these Barrels should be entrusted to the Agent or Person employed in providing the Gun Carriages.

40. The Governor General in Council after the fullest Consideration of the subject, determined, that such Mortar Beds, Gun Carriages, Ammunition Carts, Tumbrils and other Carriages for Military purposes, as might be required for the Term of three years, should be provided by an Agent, to be allowed a fixed Salary for the performance of the duties of the Agency, and to be subject to the control and directions of the Military Board.

41. Major Andrew Glass of the Artillery Corps has been appointed the Agent for providing Ordnance Carriages &ca. and Barrels for the use of the Gunpowder Manufacture.

Cons: 30th October No. 37 to 71

42. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings noted in the Margin for the Orders at large which were issued by the Governor General in Council upon the subject of the New Agency. These orders comprize His Lordship's directions to the Military Board with respect to the mode of appraising and transferring to the present Agent the articles remaining in the hands of the late Agent.

43. We shall hereafter have the honour to inform your Hon'ble Court of the Amount of the Salary which the Governor General in Council may deem it proper to fix for the Agent.

Cons: 30th October No: 78 to 82

44. The Governor General in Council authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board, the Construction of a Barrack for the accommodation of the European Artillery Men Stationed at Midnapore, at an Expense not exceeding Sa. Rs. 1916-12-3, the cost of the Building as estimated by the Quarter Master General.

Cons : 30th Octr. No. 89 to 93

45. The Governor General in Council also authorized at the recommendation of the Military Board, the provision of Fifty additional Wooden Houses for the Magazine at Allahabad, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 228-4-6.

Cons : 6th November No. 16 to 19

46. The Military Board having stated the necessity of Constructing a small Hospital at Chittagong for the reception of the Sick of the Native Troops stationed in that District, the Governor General in Council authorized the Construction of the proposed Hospital, limiting the Expense to Sicca Rupees 1923, the Cost of the Building as estimated by the Quarter Master General.

47. In obedience to the Orders of the Governor General in Council (reported to your Hon'ble Court in the 82d. paragraph of our Letter of the 31st of July last) the Military Board laid before him their Proceedings upon the state of the Manufactory of Gun powder, in the Vicinity of the Presidency.

48. The Chief object of the Enquiry which the Governor General in Council directed to be instituted respecting the state of the Manufactory, was to ascertain the cause of the great deficiency in the Strength of the Gunpowder. Although the result of the Enquiry has not fully answered our Expectations, we entertain no doubt that the Enquiry will Contribute essentially to the Improvement of the quality of the Powder.

49. The report of the Military Board on this imporant subject is recorded on our Proceedings of the 6th November. We shall only further Observe, that agreeably to the recommendation of the Military Board, the Governor General in Council judged it proper to authorize the immediate Construction of Two small Magazines at the Powder Works, of dimensions sufficient to Contain 1200 Barrels each, one for the reception of the Gunpowder previous to its being proved, the other for its reception after being proved. The Expense of each of these Magazines is estimated by the Chief Engineer at Sa. Rs. 9157-10.

Cons : 20th Novr. No. 26 to 41

50. The Governor General in Council likewise authorized the Military Board to take such steps as might be necessary for having constantly in Store a Supply of Cawnpore Salt Petre, and of Barrels for packing the Gunpowder equal to the demand of the Manufacture of one Season.

51. It not having been the practice to retain any part of the Establishment of Work Men employed at the Powder Works during the Rainy Season, Unskilful people have been entertained at the Commencement of every Season, for the business of the Manufacture. This practice being necessarily extremely prejudicial to the Manufacture, the Governor General in Council authorized the Military Board to continue in Pay throughout the year, those Work Men whom from their Skill and Experience the Board might deem essentially necessary to the success of the Work. His Lordship in Council at the same time directed that no Gun-powder should be proved within a shorter period than 14 days after the day on which it may be reported by the Manufacturer to be dried and ready for being proved.

Cons : 20th Novr.

52. The Governor General in Council will not relax in his Endeavours to ascertain the real cause of the bad quality of the Gun-powder.

53. At the request of the Military Board, we beg leave to point out to the notice of your Hon'ble Court a report of a Committee of Officers who Surveyed Swords for the Cavalry and Furniture for Drums received by the Lady Burges, the Marquis of Wellesley and the Earl St. Vincent Indiamen. From this Report it appears that many of the Swords are unserviceable. A Copy of the report is transmitted a number in the Packet.

Cons : 20th Novr. No. 44 to 46

54. At the recommendation of the Military Board the Governor General in Council authorized some alterations and repairs to be made to the Treasury Gate Quarters in Fort William restricting the expense to Sicca Rupees 8,357-2—the amount of the Chief Engineers Estimate of the Cost of the work.

55. His Lordship in Council also authorized the Construction of a Store room for the use of the Ramghur Battalion, at an expense not exceeding Sa. Rs. 275 the estimated Cost of the Building.

Cons : 27th Novr. No. 26 & 27

Board of Superintendence

56. On the Proceedings of the Governor General in Council of the 9th October is recorded a Report from the Board of Superintendance respecting the State of the Stud. The Report contains a Statement of the expences which have been incurred on account of the Institution since its Establishment, and the probable expense of it for the Current year.

Cons : 9th Octr. No. 55 to 84

57. The Governor General in Council has only to observe that the Sanctioned the Estimate of the Expense of the Stud for the Current Year amounting to Rupees 69,625.

58. We beg leave to recommend to your Hon'ble Court to send annually for the next five years from England some approved English horses, as Suggested by the Board.

Appointments

59. Mr. W. L. Grant Assistant Surgeon has been appointed Surgeon to the Governor General's Body Guard.

Cons: 21st Aug.

60. The misconduct of the Sebundy Corps, lately commanded by Lieutenant Mouggach, raised for the purpose of furnishing the Town Guards, having rendered it necessary to disband that Corps, and it appearing to the Governor General in Council that the Duties performed by the Sebundy Corps attached to the Magistrates and other Civil Officers in the vicinity of Calcutta (which equally with the other Sebundy Corps entertained for the Civil duties of the Country have in general been found inefficient from their not being regularly disciplined nor subject to Martial Law) would be better executed by Detachments from the Calcutta Native Militia. His Lordship determined to encrease that Corps to a strength sufficient for the performance of those duties. Although the Governor General in Council was in every respect satisfied with the attention of the Town Major to the discipline and general regulation of the Corps while under his Command the augmented strength of the Corps and the additional duties required from it, render the Command of it incompatible with the official situation and laborious duties of the Town Major. His Lordship in Council therefore deemed it proper that the Command of the Calcutta Native Militia should be Committed to an Officer exempted from all other duty, so as to enable him to devote his whole time and attention to the extensive and complicated Duties of the Command.

61. This arrangement for new modelling the Calcutta Native Militia has been effected with scarcely any additional Expense by a transfer to

that Corps of the Sebundy Sepoys at the Stations in the vicinity of the Presidency, whose duties will now be performed by Detachments of Troops from the Militia, regularly trained and disciplined.

62. Captain G. Downie has been appointed by the Governor General in Council to the Command of the Calcutta Native Militia.

63. For the Orders issued by the Governor General in Council respecting the Augmentation of the Calcutta Native Militia Corps, we beg leave to refer Your Hon'ble Court to the Proceedings noted in the Margin.

Cons : 27th Novr. No. 38

64. This arrangement of the Calcutta Native Militia forms a Branch of a general Plan for new Modelling the Sebundy Corps which is now under His Lordships Consideration.

65. Captain J. Salmond has been appointed to succeed Captain Downie in the Office of Deputy Military Auditor General.

66. The Governor General in Council has appointed Major John Gerard, who held the Office of Deputy Adjutant General to be Adjutant General, with the Official Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the room of Lieutenant Colonel Darby deceased.

Cons : 25th Septr. No. 5

67. Lieutenant Colonel Gerard having performed the whole of the duties of Adjutant General from the date of the death of the late Lieutenant Colonel Darby, His Lordship in Council judged it reasonable and proper to permit him to draw the Salary of Adjutant General from that date.

68. Mr. R. French who was conditionally appointed a Cadet for Bengal by the 6th paragraph of the General Letter from your Hon'ble Court of the 18th of June 1799 having furnished the necessary Document to entitle him to the permanent Appointment, the Governor General in Council admitted Mr. French accordingly to the Service of the Hon'ble Company and promoted him to the rank of Ensign.

Cons : 25th Septr. No. 7 & 8

69. The Governor General has appointed Captain Merrick Shawe to be His Lordship's Military Secretary in the room of Captain Salmond, and Lieutenant James Armstrong of His Majesty's 10th Regiment to be one of His Lordship's Aides du Camp.

Cons : 9 Octr. No. 1
16th Do. No. 1

70. At the recommendation of His Excellency the Commander in Chief The Governor General in Council appointed Brevet Captain William Campbell now attached to the Embassy to Persia to be Deputy Adjutant General with the Official rank of Major.

Cons : 23d Octr. No. 4

71. His Excellency at the same time recommended that Brevet Captain John Patton, who (from the late exigencies of the Service in the Viziers

dominions, and the impracticability of dispensing with the Services of the Deputy Adjutant General at the Presidency), had been Employed as acting Deputy Adjutant General with the Army in the Field, might be continued to act in that Capacity until the arrival of Captain Campbell in Bengal.

72. The Governor General in Council adopted His Excellency's recommendation and authorized the Continuance of the Acting Deputy Adjutant General in the Field.

73. Mr. John Rider has been appointed Pay Master to the Troops lately embarked for Service from this Presidency with the usual Salary of 1,600 Rs. per month and an Establishment of Office amounting to 550 Rs. a Month.

Cons. 13th Novr. No. 1

74. Captain Lieutenant George Johnstone of Artillery has been appointed a Commissary of Ordnance, with the charge of the Expense Magazine in Fort William in the room of Major A. Glass.

Cons : 13th Novr. No. 5

75. An impaired State of health and other Considerations having compelled Captain G. A. Robinson to apply to the Governor General in Council for permission to proceed to Europe on Furlough, by one of the Ships of the Season, Captain Robinson's request has been Complied with.

Cons : 13th Novr. No. 8 to 10

76. The Governor General expressed his Concern that any Circumstances should render Captain G. A. Robinson's return to Europe necessary. The public Service has derived considerable advantage from Captain Robinson's talents, Experience and diligence in the several Employments which he has filled. His perfect knowledge of the Important, Complicated and extensive duties of the Office of Military Auditor General, and the zeal fidelity and honor which he has uniformly manifested in that laborious and invidious Station, while they must render his loss a matter of Serious regret to this Government will serve as an useful example to his successors.

77. The Valuable Services of Captain Robinson have already attracted the favourable notice of your Hon'ble Court. His Lordship in Council however deemed it to be an act of Justice to bear this public testimony to the services of this meritorious Officer on the Eve of his departure from India, and we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our proceedings of the 13th of November for the minute of the Governor General upon the occasion.

Furlough, Resignations, &ca.

78. Lieutenants G. Waite and H. Wilson have been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of their health.

Cons : 7th Aug. No. 26 & 27, 28-29

79. Lieutenant Fireworker Thomas Fortnam has been permitted at his own request to resign your Service.

Cons : 28th August No. 2, 3

80. Captain Robert Dee has been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons : 11th Septr.

81. Mr. Charles Dumeigue Assistant Surgeon has been permitted to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons : 13th Novr. No. 18 to 20

82. Mr. John Laird Surgeon who held the Situation of First Member of the Medical Board has received the permission of the Governor General in Council to proceed to Europe on Furlough for the recovery of his health.

Cons : 20th Novr. No. 12 to 15

83. His Lordship has permitted Mr. Edward Cooke Assistant Surgeon at his own request to resign the service, and to return to Europe.

Cons : 27th Novr. No. 6, 7 & 8

84. On laying before the Governor General in Council Mr. Cookes application for permission to resign the service, the Commander in Chief observed that Mr. Cooke was compelled to take this step in Consequence of his presence being indispensibly necessary in England for the adjustment of some urgent private Concerns altho' the period of his Service in India did not entitle him to Furlough under the Regulations established by your Hon'ble Court.

Miscellanea

85. Mrs. Anne Shipway widow of the late Mr. Shipway Conductor, having laid before the Governor General in Council the required Affidavit respecting the Amount of the property of her deceased Husband, and the Certificate of her Marriage, His Lordship begs leave to recommend that Mrs. Shipway be admitted to the benefits of the late Lord Clive's Bounty.

Cons : 7th August No. 15 to 18

86. Mrs. Shipway has been permitted to draw in India a Sum equivalent to the Pension of the widow of a Conductor, until the pleasure of your Hon'ble Court respecting her shall be known.

87. Lieutenant Trickey of His Majesty's 10th Regiment now on duty at this Presidency solicited the Governor General in Council to grant to him some pecuniary assistance to enable him to obtain a passage to Europe for his wife Mrs. Trickey who in Consequence of recent family losses had suffered very Considerably in her health, and had symptoms of a deranged state of mind.

Cons : 7th August No. 59 to 61

88. This application was accompanied by a Certificate from Mr. Dick Surgeon who expressed it to be his opinion that there was very little prospect of Mrs. Trikey's recovery in India and that there was a necessity for her proceeding to England as soon as possible.

89. The Governor General in Council being satisfied of the truth of Lieutenant Trickey's declaration of his inability to defray the expense of obtaining a passage to England for his wife with accommodations suitable to her Situation, It appeared to His Lordship to be a case of humanity in which the Bounty of the Company might be exercised without establishing any improper precedent.

90. Exclusive of these reasons for affording the relief Solicited, it was evident from the deranged State of Mrs. Trickey's mind, from the little prospect of her recovery in India, and from Lieutenant Trickey's inability to maintain her, that she must shortly have been placed at the Public charge in the Hospital of Insanes where the expense of her attendants, and subsistence, would soon have exceeded the Sum required to enable her to return to England.

91. Under these circumstances the Governor General in Council granted the sum of 1200 Rupees to Lieutenant Trickey, to enable him to defray the necessary expense of obtaining a passage to England for Mrs. Trickey and her Female Attendant and His Lordship trusts that the measure will meet with the approbation of your Hon'ble Court.

Cons : 21st August No. 35

92. John Floyd Matross whose Stipulated time of Service had expired and who was desirous of returning to Europe proceeds on the Ship Anna, Captain Clark, who has been informed that he will receive in England the amount of the usual charter party passage money on account of Floyd.

Cons : 11th Septr. No. 21, 22

93. Mrs. C. Moore Widow of the late Mr. W. Moore Assistant Surgeon of this Establishment having produced the necessary Documents to entitle her to the benefits of the Pension We beg leave to recommend to your Hon'ble Court to grant the Pension to Mrs. Moore accordingly.

94. We have permitted Mrs. Moore to draw during her widowhood and residence in India a Sum equal to the pension established for the widow of an Assistant Surgeon.

95. Having published an Advertizement for obtaining proposals for furnishing the Cloathing of the Army for the year 1799/1800 we referred the Several proposals which were in consequence received to the Military Board for their report.

96. The proposals of Mr. Andrew Kelso being the lowest and there being no objections to the securities offered by that Gentleman for the performance of the Contract, we assigned the Contract for providing the Cloathing of the Army (with the exception of the Native Invalids), for the year 1799/1800 to Mr. Kelso.

97. The cloathing of the Native Invalids had been included in the Several proposals but the rates of the proposers appearing to be extremely high, it was found upon enquiry that the pattern Coats for the Invalid Cloathing were made up of cloth of a Superior quality to that which was deemed necessary. The Military Board upon this Occasion recommended that the Cloathing of the Native Invalid Battalions should be Separated from the Contract, and that the Officers Commanding those Corps should be allowed to provide the Cloathing of their own Corps.

98. The Governor General in Council did not think it proper to adopt the proposition of the Military Board for allowing the Officers Commanding those Corps to provide the Cloathing, nor to authorize any deviation from the general principle already established, in conformity to which the Cloathing of the Invalid Battalions has hitherto been furnished by Contract.

99. The object of the Military Board in making of this proposition was the improvement in a pecuniary point of view of the Situation of deserving Officers of long standing in the Company's Service. We therefore informed that Board that if it shall appear hereafter that the Situation of the Officers Commanding the Native Invalid Battalions with respect to the inadequacy of their shares of the Offreckonings, demands the Indulgence of Government, the Governor General in Council will have no objection to take their Case into Consideration provided it should be brought before him distinctly and unconnected with any proposition for infringing the System established for cloathing the army by Contract.

Cons: 11th Septr. No. 39 to 53

100. For the detail of the orders of the Governor General in Council on this subject and the rates at which the Cloathing is to be provided, we beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to Our Proceedings noted in the Margin.

Cons: 18th Septr. No. 25

101. Mr. James Small who was appointed an Assistant Surgeon for Bengal by the 4th paragraph of the General Letter from your Hon'ble Court of the 17th of April 1799 having arrived at this Presidency and executed the Covenants which accompanied that Letter he has been admitted to your Service as an Assistant Surgeon.

102. We have the honor to transmit one Mr. Small's Covenants a Number in the Packet.

Cons: 18th Septr. No. 27

103. We forwarded for the information of your Hon'ble Court by the Ship Princess Mary the Statement required by the Act of Parliament of the 24th year of His Majesty's reign of all the Military Establishments under this Presidency, as they stood on the 30th of April 1800.

104. The estimated Amount of the Military Expenses for the Official Year Commencing on the 1st of May 1800 and ending the 30th of April

1801, is Sa. Rs. 1,97,28,973-5-1 being an excess above the expense of the former year by Rs. 3,21,368-15-8.

105. Your Hon'ble Court will observe that this additional expense arises from the late augmentation of the Military Force under this Presidency (for purposes of which the Hon'ble the Secret Committee of your Hon'ble Court have been fully apprized) the Consequent addition to the Establishment of Elephants Camels and Bullocks, and the Completion of the Fifteen Companies of Golandauze which were only in a progressive State of formation during the former year.

106. This additional expense will be counter-balanced by the late transfer of a considerable part of the army to the Province of Oude under the reform of the Nabob Vizier's Military Establishment now in progress; the details of the new arrangements in Oude will be submitted to your Hon'ble Court by an early opportunity, and we trust that the completion of the Plan will lead to a considerable reduction of the Military charges actually defrayed by the Company while the effective strength of your army will be greatly increased, and the Province of Oude will be more effectually protected, than at any former period of our connection with that country, from the danger either of internal commotion or of foreign invasion.

107. A Duplicate of the above mentioned Statement was forwarded by the Ship Friendship.

Cons: 20th Novr. No. 19

108. Upon the return of the Bengal Volunteers from the Carnatic, the Governor General in Council deemed it to be unnecessary to continue the Appointment of a Separate Paymaster for paying the Companies of Bengal Artillery remaining on Service under the Presidency of Fort St. George. The Appointment of Paymaster which was held by Major J. Hume was accordingly abolished and the necessary measures were adopted for the payment of the Companies of Bengal Artillery through the Channel of the Payments upon the Coast.

Cons. 18th Septr. No. 28 to 31

109. Captain Lieutenant Raban of the Artillery Corps who has availed himself of the eventual permission granted to him to proceed to Europe from the Cape of Good Hope for the recovery of his health, has received at this Presidency through the Channel of his Attornies the pay of his rank to the 31st of May 1800.

Cons: 9th October No. 15

110. Your Hon'ble Court have already been informed of the loss by Fire of the Hon'ble Companys Ship the Queen and of the Capture of the Hon'ble Company's Ship the Kent by a French Privateer off the Sand Heads. The Governor General directed the Town Major to take such Steps as were necessary to furnish the Subaltern Officers and Cadets, who were captured in the Kent with Quarters, and also with a Common Table until such time as other provision could be made for them.

111. The destitute and distressed Condition of these unfortunate Gentlemen demanded the immediate interposition of the Government, as they had been plundered of all their private property. Many of them had been deprived by the Capture of the Kent, of the Property which they had purchased at an enhanced price at St. Salvador to replace the Property which they had lost on the Queen.

112. The distresses of the Gentlemen who were destined for Madras and Bombay were aggravated by the Circumstance of their having no friends or connections in Bengal.

113. The Cases of the Gentlemen, who were severely wounded in the defence of the Ship were peculiarly distressing.

114. To persons in such situation a mere advance of Money to be afterwards deducted from their Pay and Allowances would only have afforded an inadequate temporary alleviation of their distresses, with the Certain Sacrifice of their future Comfort, and with the prospect of aggravated Embarrassment. Such an arrangement would have been inconsistent with the humane and liberal Policy which characterizes the Company's Government, and might have provided fatal to the prospects and characters of the Junior Servants, especially of those attached to the Military Service, by Compelling them to Commence their Course of Service under the Embarrassments of Debt which their allowances would never afford them the means of discharging.

115. These Considerations induced the Governor General in Council to grant a Gratuity of St. Rupees 480 to each of the Subaltern Officers of His Majestys and the Hon'ble Company's Regiments, and to each of the Cadets and Medical Gentlemen including the Veterinary Surgeon of His Majesty's 27th Dragoons. This sum does not exceed the Estimated Value of the personal Baggage of a Subaltern Officer, and is certainly inadequate not merely to the actual Losses of the Individuals in general but even to the purpose of enabling them to replace many indispensible articles of their Equipment.

116. The Governor General in Council however adopted the foregoing principal of relief as affording Some degree of aid to the unfortunate Sufferers, and at the same time precluding the Establishment of any precedent which might hereafter encourage unreasonable demands upon Government.

117. The Governor General in Council further authorized an advance of Two Months Pay and half Batta to such of the Subaltern Officers, Cadets, and Medical Gentlemen Captured on the Kent as might apply for that advance, the amount of the advance to be deducted from their future allowances.

Cons : 23 Octr. No. 1, 2 & 3

118. We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court to our Proceedings of the annexed date for the Governor General's Minute respecting the Situation and circumstances of these unfortunate Gentlemen.

119. On those Proceedings your Hon'ble Court will also find a Report made by the Town Major of the destitute condition in which those Gentlemen arrived at Fort William.

Cons : 30th Octr.

120. The Recruits who were on Board of the Kent having also lost their Cloaths and Necessaries, the Governor General in Council deemed it to be reasonable and just to allow them a small Gratuity to enable them to provide such articles of Cloathing &ca as were immediately necessary. His Lordship fixed the Gratuity at 18 Sa. Rs. for each Non Commissioned, and 15 Rupees for each Corporal Drummer and Private.

Cons : 14th March No. 104 to 107

121. Messrs Cockerell, Trail and Company, the Attornies of Mr. Robert Biddulph, laid before us an Application from that Gentleman for Compensation for Losses stated to have been Sustained by him as Contractor for providing Bullocks for the Troops of this Presidency on that part of his Contract by which he agreed to supply Cattle for the Bengal Troops which served in the former Mysore War under Lord Cornwallis.

Cons : 18 April 1796

122. The same claim was preferred by the Agent of Mr. Biddulph in the Year 1796 and reported upon in consequence of our Orders by Sir John Murray then Military Auditor General. A Copy of the Auditor Generals report was then transmitted to the Agent of Mr. Biddulph, in order that he might offer such further Arguments in support of the claim as were in his power. No reply however was received from him.

Cons : 23rd Octr. No. 23

123. On receipt of the present application from Mr. Biddulph We again directed the Military Auditor General to report upon it. His Report to which We beg leave to refer your Hon'ble Court, is recorded on our Proceedings noted in the Margin.

124. After a full Consideration of Mr. Biddulphs claim, the Governor General in Council however desirous of protecting Individuals from the effects of losses sustained by their Engagements with the Public did not admit Mr. Biddulph's claim to compensation for partial Losses sustained upon an inconsiderable proportion of a very extensive Contract, whilst he, it is to be presumed, derived no inconsiderable advantage from the other Branches of his Contract. Mr. Biddulph's application was therefore rejected.

125. The Governor General in Council advised your Hon'ble Court in his Letter of the 31st December 1799 of his having given directions for carrying into effect the Orders Contained in the 69th and following paragraphs of your General Letter of the 29th of May 1799 prohibiting the Continuance of the Field Tent Money to the General Officers upon the Staff Stationed at Cawnpore and Futty Ghur.

126. We have since received through His Excellency the Commander in Chief a Letter from Major General Sir James Craig expressing his disappointment at the reduction of his Allowances for providing himself with Camp Equipage and Carriage, and stating the absolute necessity which existed for an Officer in his Situation being at all times fully prepared and equipped for Moving with the Troops.

Cons: 30th Octr. No. 1, 2, 3.

127. On a consideration of the reference from Major General Sir James Craig on the subject of the Field Tent Allowance, which was reduced in obedience to your Orders to the Sum allowed to the General Officers in Cantonments within the Provinces for the purpose of being Constantly provided with Camp Equipage the Governor General in Council had no hesitation in admitting that the Situation of the General Officers stationed in the Province of Oude (with respect to actual Movement and to the necessity of being at all times fully prepared not only with Camp Equipage and Cattle but also with a permanent Establishment of the numerous Attendants required for the Care of the Cattle and for the movement of Tents) is very different from the Situation of the General Officers in Cantonments within the Provinces who are allowed by the Orders of your Hon'ble Court 400 Rupees per Month for Camp Equipage.

128. The Governor General in Council was also Satisfied that the General Officers upon the Staff Serving in the Province of Oude are at all times and particularly in the present crisis while the reform of the Viziers army is in progress throughout every part of that Country, subject to the expense necessarily attendant on being fully equipped and prepared to take the Field.

129. On these grounds His Lordship in Council was clearly of opinion that the General Officers on the Staff serving in the Vizier's Dominions were entitled to the Field Tent allowance granted by the orders of your Hon'ble Court of the 8th January 1796 to General Officers upon the Staff. We accordingly permitted Major General Sir James Craig and Major General Stuart to continue to draw the Field Tent Money from the time the payment of it Ceased, and we trust that your Hon'ble Court will Sanction the measure which has been adopted under the fullest conviction of its necessity and Justice.

130. Mrs. Stephenson Widow of the late Conductor Stephenson having laid before us the prescribed Affidavit and Certificate to entitle her to the benefits of the late Lord Clives Fund, we beg leave to recommend that Mrs. Stephenson be admitted accordingly.

Cons: 30th Octr. No. 15 to 17

131. Mrs. Stephenson has been permitted to draw an allowance during her widowhood and residence in Bengal equal to Pension of a Conductor's widow.

132. We also beg leave to recommend to your Hon'ble Court to admit to the benefits of the Pension Fund Mrs. Sibbald Widow of the late Major Sibbald of this Establishment.

Cons : 13th Novr.
No. 6 & 7

133. His Excellency the Commander in Chief laid before us a Memorial addressed to your Hon'ble Court from Major General Brisco and other Major Generals of this Establishment, soliciting the attention of your Hon'ble Court to the operation of the Orders contained in the 107th paragraph of your General Letter of the 6th of June 1798, and praying that General Officers not employed upon the Staff nor particularly ordered to remain in India may be permitted to hold the Off-reckonings of their Regiments, Battalions or Corps, with the Pay of their Regimental Rank during life and good Conduct, whether they reside in India or Europe, and that they be considered eligible to be nominated to the Staff in India.

Cons : 20th Novr.
No. 1 to 3

134. We transmit a number in the Packet a Copy of the Memorial and of the Commander in Chief's Minute which accompanied it and beg leave to Solicit the decision of your Hon'ble Court on the application from the General Officers.

135. Serjeant Charles Walsh Supernumerary, whose time of Service had expired, and who was desirous of returning to Europe, and Richard Bridge Gunner of Artillery, an Invalid Pensioner, having agreed to attend Mr. John Laird and Captain G.A. Robinson as Servants during the passage to England on Board of the Ship Friendship the Governor General in Council Authorized these Men to proceed accordingly on the Friendship to Europe. But as the Terms upon which that Ship was taken up did not warrant our Ordering the Men to be received and acccommodated as Charter Party Passengers in the usual manner. We informed Mr. Laird and Captain Robinson that they must settle with the Commander of the Friendship for the Passage Money on account of the Men, and that we should recommend to your Hon'ble Court to allow the usual Charter Party Passage Money on their account.

Cons : 27th Novr.
No. 34

Fort William
the 27th of November 1800

We have the honor to be
Hon'ble Sirs,
Your most faithful
humble Servants

[Original per *Lady Jane Dundas*
Duplicate per Do. Do.
Triplicate per *Georgiana*]

APPENDIX

APPENDIX

Memorials of Maj. Gen. Stibbert Concerning Chinsura Prize Money*

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TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, for Affairs of the Hon'ble the United East India Company.

The Memorial of Major General Stibbert, Respectfully Sheweth

That your Memorialist was, as will appear by your Records, Provincial *Commander in Chief* of the Hon'ble Company's Military Forces in Bengal & its Dependancies, when Advices arrived on the 3d of July 1781 from England, of Hostilities having been Declared by his Majesty, against the States General of the United of the [*sic*] Provinces. That in consequence of this Advice, the Governor General & Council, sent on the same Day an Express with their Orders to Captain Chatfield, Commanding Officer of the 2d Regiment of Sepoys, in the Service & Pay of the Company and Stationed by, and under the immediate & Personal Command of your Memorialist, as Commander in Chief, at the Town & Fort of Chandernagore, in Bengal, to March immediately with the Troops under his Command, and Invest, and Demand from the Governor, the Surrender of the Fort & Town of Chinsurah, Situate at a small Distance belonging to the Dutch East India Company giving Notice to him of the War that had been commenced between the two Nations.

That Captain Chatfield in Obedience to these Orders March[ed] with his Force the Evening of the same Day, and after he had taken Possession of all the Roads & Avenues leading to the Place, so as to prevent the Inhabitants from Retiring, or any Effects from being carried away, Summoned the Governor Mr. Ross, to Surrender the Fort and Town to the said Troops; that the Governor Required till the Morning to assemble his Council and give his answer, and that this Request being Complied with; the said Fort and Town of Chinsurah, with all the Public Stores, Treasuries &ca, belonging thereto,—were on the following Day, *the 4th July* 1781 given up to, & taken Possession by Capt. Chatfield, for the Use and Service of the East India Company; the Dutch Garrison Marching out as Prisoners of War, at the same time. That Commissaries were afterwards Appointed by the Governor General & Council to take Charge of all the Stores, Treasuries, Merchandizes, Goods & Effects found in the said Fort & Town belonging to the Dutch Company; and that the said Stores, Merchandizes &ca. Military Stores excepted, were Disposed of under their Direction, and the Proceeds of such Sales, together with the Treasuries, Carried to the Account of the East India Company.

**Vide* Letter from Court dated 29 May 1799, para. 6, p. 104 *ante*.

That your Memorialist did in a Letter Addressed to the Governor General & Council under Date *the 30th November 1781* lay in his Claim, as Commander in Chief, to a Share in the Captured Effects taken in the said Fort & Town. Similar Claims were also made by Captain Chatfield in behalf of himself & the Officers of his Regiment. But the Board, after a long Delay were pleased on *the 30 June 1783*, to Come to the Resolution in their Minutes of that Date, (an Authentick Copy of which was sent by the Secretary to your Memorialist) "to Submit the whole of the Subject, in a reference to your Hon'ble Court, and to wait your Orders concerning it," not chusing for the Reason therein Assigned, to Decide upon the Claims of the Captors.

That your Memorialist after giving up the Command of the Army in Bengal in 1785, to Lieutenant General Sloper, and returning to England in 1796 [1786] and Applying to your late Secretary Thos. Morton Esqr. to know if your Hon'ble Court had come to any Decision upon the References made to you respecting the Business of the said Capture, was informed by him, that a Suit having been Commenced in the High Court of Admiralty in behalf of Sir Ewdard Hughes, late Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Fleet in the East Indies and the Officers and Crew of the Nymph Sloop of War, belonging to the said Fleet, against the East India Company, Claiming, as Sole *Captors* all the Captured Effects, found in the Fort and Town aforesaid, Your Hon'ble Court stood precluded, at that time from taking into Consideration, and more particularly from Deciding upon any Claims that might have been submitted to you, for Shares in the said Capture, by your own Officers.

That this Suit has since been brought to a Hearing before the Judge of the said Court, and the following Judgement Pronounced by him; Namely "That the Treasures, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes and Effects, taken and Seized at the Surrender of the Dutch Town and Fort of Chinsura to have been taken and Seized by the Officers and Crew of his Majesty's Sloop the Nymph, Wm. Stevens Esqr. Commander, one of the Fleet under the Command of Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes, and the Troops under the Command of Captain Charles Chatfield, in the Service and Pay of the East India Company. And that at the time of the Capture and Seizure thereof, the same did belong to Subjects of the States General of the United Provinces, Enemies of the Crown of Great Britain, and as such or otherwise Subject or liable to Confiscation; and Condemned the same as good and lawful Prize to His Majesty, *to be Distributed in such manner,* and in such Proportions as His Majesty shall think Proper."

That the Lords Commissioners of Appeals in Prize Causes, to whom your Hon'ble Court was pleased to Appeal from the Judgment of the High Court of Admiralty, having Confirmed the said Judgment, and Remitted back the Cause, as your Memorialist has been informed, to the Court Appealed from, Your Memorialist now begs leave to renew and bring before your

Hon'ble Court, his Claim as *Provincial Commander in Chief* of the Military Forces in Bengal, when the aforesaid Capture of the Fort and Town of Chinsurah was made to the usual Share, (the Same as has been given and enjoyed by other Commanders in Chief on Similar occasions,) of all the Captured Effects, found in the said Fort and Town and also to Claim a Proportionate Share thereof, for all the Officers and Troops, forming that Division of the Army then Stationed at the presidency of Fort William and the Cantonments at Barrackpoor, (of which the 2nd Regiment of Sepoys Commanded by Captain Chatfield made a Part,) under the immediate Orders and Personal Command of your Memorialist, then President [*sic*] at the said Presidency.

It is unnecessary for your Memorialist to state to your Hon'ble Court that it has, upon all Occasions, been the *uniform Practice*, in all Captures that have been made by the Joint Forces of the King and the East India Company, from the Enemy, to Divide the whole of the Captured Effects, equally between the said Forces; that is one half of the Captured Property to go to the King's, and one half to the Company's Forces, whether Naval or Military, or Composed of both; the Company having, as an Encouragement to their Own Officers and Soldiers, always followed the Example of his Majesty, in liberally giving up their Share of all Booty and Plunder to them, taken from the Enemy in times of War.

Your Memorialist will forbear to trouble your Hon'ble Court with any further Details, or Remarks on the Subject of this Capture; He flatters himself that the Statement which he has here given will be Sufficient to prove to your Hon'ble Court, the Propriety and Justice of his Claims made in behalf of himself, and the Officers and Troops then under his immediate and Personal Command, to a Joint Share with Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes And the Officers and Crew of the Nymph Sloop of War, (who by the Judgment of the High Court of Admiralty aforesaid have been Declared Joint Captors with the Company's Forces) of all the Captured Properties & Effects, and your Memorialist humbly requests that your Hon'ble Court will apply to his Majesty to whom the Distribution of the Proceeds of the Capture is by the same Judgment Assigned, for such Joint Share to be granted him and the said Officers for their Benefit, *agreeable* to former Usage, when the Kings and Company['s] Forces have been Acting together upon the same Service.

G. Stibbert

Late Provincial Commander in Chief
of the Military Forces in Bengal &ca.

Herdford [Hereford] Street
June the 10th 1794.-

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TO the Hon'ble the Court of Directors for Affairs of the Hon'ble the United East India Company.

Hon'ble Sirs.

In a Memorial which I addressed to your Hon'ble Court, under date the 10th June 1794, subsequent to a Decree having been passed by the Judge of the High Court of Admiralty (in the long pending suit between the late Vice Admiral Sir Edward Hughes and the East India Company) declaring the captured Effects taken in the Dutch Fort & Settlement at Chinsura, in the Year 1781, to be a legal Prize to the Officers & Crew of the Nymph Sloop of War, jointly with the Troops of the East India Company, I took the liberty to renew & bring forward my Claims as Provincial Commander in Chief of the Hon'ble Company's Forces, at that time in Bengal, to the usual share of the said captured Effects, granted invariably to all Officers in similar situations.

I have hitherto, not wishing to give any unnecessary trouble, refrained from soliciting, in any following Address, the attention of your Hon'ble Court, to the same Business, having upon every Application I have made to your Secretary Mr. Ramsay for information on the subject, been told by him, that some Matters still remained to be adjusted respecting the captured Effects in Question, before your Hon'ble Court could take it up, & come to any Decision upon the Claims of the Company's Officers; But more than *three* Years, being now elapsed since the Decree of the High Court of Admiralty passed in the Cause between the Company and the late Sir Edward Hughes & the Naval Captors, claiming under the Decree, having been paid the proportional Amount of the Value of all the Prize Effects adjudged to them, permit me Hon'ble Sirs respectfully to request you will take into Consideration my Claims, & those of that part of the Company's Troops, as stated in my Memorial here referred to, which I conceive is entitled to a share in the Distribution to be made of the Property arising out of the said Captured Effects, in doing which I am persuaded you will be governed by the same Rules & the same Liberality that have uniformly marked the Proceedings of your Hon'ble Court upon all former Occasions.

I am with all due respect
Hon'ble Sirs
Your most faithful & Obedient
Humble Servant
Giles Stibbert.

Hereford Street
25th July 1797.

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Herford Street May the 5th 1798.

SIR,

I received Your Letter of the 20th Ulto, a few days since only, at my House here on my coming to Town, which will apologize for my not giving you a more early Reply to it.

In compliance with the desires of the Committee of Correspondence that I would explain my meaning by the following words quoted by you from my Letter to the Court of Directors of the 25th of July last, preferring a Claim to a share in the Effects Captured at the Fort and Town of Chinsurah vizt. "To be allowed *the Usual Share* of the said Captured Effects, *granted invariably* to all Officers in similar situations", permit me, Sir, in Answer, to state for the Information of the Committee, that, my *Meaning* by these Words was, that I might be allowed the same Share of the Captured Effects in question as hath hitherto been usually enjoyed by Officers Commanding *in Chief* Armies where Captures from the Enemy have been made and given up to the Troops.

With respect to the Second part of your Request, in the same Letter—Namely "That I would state any Instances within my knowledge where Officers, in the same situation with myself have shared, and to what Extent, in Captures, at which they were not *Actually present* I must beg leave to observe respectfully to the Committee that, I conceive they must have mistaken my situation, at the time of the aforesaid Capture: for I was present with, and Commanded the Army, in person, when that Capture was made by one of the Corps composing a part of that Army—I mean the Forces stationed at the Presidency, and it's Dependencies.

In regard to the extent which Officers Commanding in Chief have shared in Captures made from the Enemy at various times, by the Forces under their respective Commands, I will not take upon me positively to say: but, I believe, it has been usually *One Eighth part* of the Amount; and the same in Donations granted for Services performed by the Troops.

Colonel Clive, afterwards Lord Clive I know had this Share allowed him of the Donation given by the Nabob Jaffier Ally Khan, after the Battle of Plassey in 1757. Colonel Forde had the like Share in all the Captures made from the French at Masulipatam and their other Settlements on the Coast of Coromandel, in 1758/9. Colonels Adams and Monro had likewise each of them the same share of all the Captures made from the Enemy, when they Commanded successively the Forces in Bengal in the War with the Nabob Cossim Ailly Khan. I have been informed that the same Share has also been always given to Officers Commanding in Chief the Armies on the Coast (Fort St. George) where Captures have been made: but I have only mentioned the Instances that have come within my Knowledge; and where I have myself been personally concerned.

These Statements will, I hope, prove Satisfactory to the Committee, as it is my wish to give them every Information, as well as to furnish them with every Document that lays in my Power for the Guidance of their Judgement in a Decision not only upon my own, but the several other Claims brought forward respecting this Capture. With this view, I shall beg leave to enclose the following Papers for their Perusal some of which will be found upon the Records of the Company.

No. 1. An authenticated Copy of the Instructions Dated the 3rd July *1781* sent by the Governor General and Council to Captain Charles Chatfield Commanding the 2nd Regiment of Native Troops Stationed at Chandernagore Directing him to demand from Mr. Ross, the Governor the Surrender, and to take Possession of the Fort and Town of Chinsura.

No. 2. An Extract from the Bengal Consultations the 7h July *1781,* stating the Reasons for the above Instructions not having been sent through the usual Channel of the Commander in Chief of the Forces.

Nos. 3, 4 & 5. Three Original Leters from Captain Chatfield, Dated the 4th, 5th & 7th July *1781,* addressed to Brigadier General Stibbert, Commander in Chief.

No. 6. The Copy of a Letter addressed by Brigadier General Stibbert to the Hon'ble the Governor General and Council at Bengal preferring his Claim to a proportion of the Captured Effects at Chinsura as aforesaid, as Commander in Chief of the Forces under the Presidency.

No. 7. An Authenticated Copy of a Minute of the Bengal Council on the Subject of the Captured Effects at Chinsura, and the several Claims of the Officers to Shares in the said Effects and resolving to refer the same to the Decision of the Court of Directors.

By the Paper No. 1. the Committee will see what was the precise tenor of the Instructions given by the Governor General and Council for Summoning and taking Possession of the Fort and Town of Chinsura, on advices arriving at Calcutta the 3rd of July 1781 of Hostilities having been commenced between his Majesty and the States General of the United Provinces. They will also see that these Instructions were sent to Captain Charles Chatfield Commanding the 2nd Regiment of Native Troops Stationed at Chandernagore, which Regiment was one of the Corps composing the Army at the Presidency.

By No. 2. the Committee will see that the Deviation from the general Rule of the Service, in not sending the aforesaid Instructions through the Channel of the Commander in Chief, was meant *for Dispatch only* to prevent the Dutch from conveying away their Effects, before the Fort and Town of Chinsura could be invested by the Troops, and that it was *not to operate to the prejudice of the Commander in Chief,* in any share he would otherwise be entitled to, in the Distribution of Prize Money arising from the Captured Effects of the place.

By Nos. 3, 4, & 5. Original Letters addressed by Captain Chatfield to the Commander in Chief Dated the 4th, 5th & 7th July 1781, after taking Possession of the Town and Fort of Chinsura it will appear that the Instructions No. 1, transmitted to him from the Governor General and Council for that Service, did not, (nor was it intended) take him from under the Orders and Authority of the Commander in Chief, but that he continued to report

to and received all his future Orders from him, the same as he did before, and the same as the other Corps of the Army, of which the 2nd Regiment made a part, stationed as beforementioned at the Presidency, under his immediate and *personal Command.*

Nos. 6 & 7. Require from me, Sir, no particular Remarks: the first of these is only meant to, shew that I did in the first Instance prefer my Claim to a Share in the Captured Effects in question, to the Governor General and Council at Bengal, so early as the *30th November* 1781 : the second to save the Committee the trouble of referring to the Company's Records for the Proceedings and Resolutions of that Government on the Subject.

Having Sir, made these few Observations, I shall forbear troubling you any further on the Business—being persuaded of the Justice of the Committee, and that they will not in the Instance of this Capture alone depart in their Decisions from the Established and ancient Usage of the Service, and that Liberality which has distinguished all their former Proceedings.

I have the Honor to be,
Sir,
Your Most Obdt. Humble Servant,
G. Stibbert

Willm. Ramsay, Esqr.,
&ca. &ca., &ca.

TO Brigadier General Stibbert Provincial Commander in Chief &ca, &ca, &ca*.

Sir,

The Hon'ble the Governor General having informed the Council that it is your intention to proceed to Chandernagore in Consequence of the Resolutions of Yesterday which have been already communicated to you, I obey the Commands of the Board in having the Honor of forwarding to you the Accompanying copies of orders which have been issued to Captain Chatfield.

I am
Sir,
Your most Obedient Humble Servant
W. Bruere
Actg. Sery.

Council Chamber
the 4th July 1781.

*This letter is not mentioned in the precedin memorial by Stibbert though included among the papers forwarded by him.

Enclosure No. I

To Captain Chatfield Commanding at Chandernagore.

Sir,

You are hereby directed to proceed immediately with the Force under Your Command to Chinsurah to secure all the avenues of the Town both by Land and by Water, suffering none of the Inhabitants to leave the place, nor any Money Bullion or Effects to pass, having done this You will march with a Party to the Fort and demand from Mr. Ross the Governor the immediate surrender of it together with the Town and Inhabitants whenever You shall have received the Keys of the Fort, You will put Messrs. Purlong Heatly and Adaia Commissarys appointed for that into immediate possession thereof as well as of the Town.

The Board cannot suppose that the Governor of Chinsura will be so imprudent as to refuse obedience to the Summons having no Force to enable him to offer any degree of resistance with Effect, but if he should You will in that case declare him charged with the responsibility of all the Blood that may be unnecessarily split in consequence of such refusal, and use Your utmost Endeavours with the Forces under Your Command to take possession of the Fort and Town and of the Effects both public and private.

The Board recommend to You to treat the Inhabitants with every degree of tenderness, and that You suffer no further violence to be offered than is necessary to carry these orders into execution.

Fort William
the 3rd July 1781.

A true Copy
W. Bruere
Actg. Secry.

By Order of the Hon'ble
(Signed) the Governor General
& Council
Wm. Bruere, Actg. Secretary

Enclosure No. II

Extract of Bengal Separate Consultations relative to the Dutch the 7th July 1781.

The Board think it proper in this Place, to declare that the Orders which were Sent to Captain Chatfield, not having been Sent through the Channel of the Commander in Chief as Usual, was intended for Dispatch only, And is not to operate to the Prejudice of the Commander in Chief in any Share he would otherwise have been entitled to in the Arrangement which May be Settled for dividing the Prize Money, that may hereafter be given to the Army for the Capture of the Fort and Town of Chinsura.

Enclosure No. III

To Brigadier General Stibbert, Commander in Chief.

Sir,

Immediately on receipt of the Orders from the Hon'ble the Governor General & Council Yesterday at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, I set off for Chandernagore which I reached at ½ past 9 having walked great part of the way, on my arrival I paraded the Regiment, & marched at 10 o'Clock to Chinsura & after having obeyed my Instructions I demanded the Surrender of the Fort which I received this morning at 6 o'Clock having had only one Hour's rest during the night, I this day delivered the Keys over to the Commissarys and have been hurried throughout the day giving orders & going backward & forwards between Chinsura & Chandernagore, I received the Letter from Lieut. Murray your Aid de Camp & one from the Secretary while at Supper, the want of rest render[s] me unable to write any more at present. Tomorrow I will be more explicit.

I have the honor to be with respect
Sir,
Your most Obedt. Hble. Servt.
Chas. Chatfield
Captn. Commandg. 2nd Regt

Camp July 4th 1781
½ past 11 P.M.

Enclosure No. IV

To Brigadier General Stibbert Commander in Chief.

Sir,

I hope the hurry I was in yesterday will apologise for my not having given a more particular Account of the manner in which I took possession of Chinsura.

On the night of the Third Instant I marched from Chandernagore with the Regiment, I first detached Captn. Moulton with the 2nd Battalion to take possession of all the Avenues leading to the Town with orders to place Guards & Centries all round & to suffer none of the Inhabitants to escape or any Bullion or Goods to be carried out of the Town. I than [then] Marched on with the 1st Battalion to the Fort the Surrender of which I demanded from Mr. Ross after having shown him my Authority. It being about 1 o'Clock Mr. Ross requested I would wait untill 6 o'Clock in the Morning when he would Summon a Council & deliver over the Keys of the Fort to me, this I agreed to & the next Morning I waited on Mr. Ross who gave up the Keys of the Fort after which the Dutch Troops marched out & grounded their Arms, the Party I had brought marched into & took possession of the Fort, I should have mentioned above that after having agreed to defer taking possession untill the next Morning.

I placed Centries all round the Fort to prevent any Bodies going out of any Money or Effects being conveyed away.

The following are the Orders which have been issued & which I hope will fully inform you of what has since been done.

Camp Near Chandernagore July 3rd 1781.

R. O. Parole London.

R.A.O. The Regiment to parade immediately under Arms, Flint & a Bundle of Cartridge to be served to each man.

Lieutt. Guthrie with the 1st Battalion to attend the Commanding Officer —Captain Moulton to march with the 2d Battalion & place Guards to Secure all the Avenues of the Town of Chinsura, both by Land & by Water with orders to suffer none of the Inhabitants to leave the place, nor any money, Bullion or other Effects, to pass out.

Camp between Chinsura & Chandernagore July 4th 1781.

R.O. Parole Hastings.

The Fort & Town of Chinsura being surrendered by Mr. Ross (the Governor) & the Dutch Guard & Centrys having been reli[e]ved Lieutt. Guthrie is to remain with the Charge of the Guards as Officer of the week—A report of the Guards in, and about Chinsura, to be made out immediately by Lieutenant Guthrie & delivered to the Commanding Officer, the remaining part of the Troops to return to Camp.

Camp between Chinsura & Chandernagore July 5th 1781.

R.O. Parole Stibbert.

The Officers who are on the weekly duty with the Charges of the Guards at Chinsura & Chandernagore to report immediately in writing to the Commanding Officer of the Regiment when any thing extraordinary happens.

A Party of 1 Havildar 1 Naik & 12 Sepoys to be sent immediately to Seize all the Boats & Budgerows lying at the different Gauts at Chinsurah & to take them to the Gaut to the No[rth]Ward of the Church where the above party is to remain over them as a Guard.

Centries to be placed at the different Gauts to prevent any Boats coming to and going away from any other Gaut than that to the No. ward of the Church at Chinsura.

No Boat to leave Chinsura or any Effects to pass out of the Town either by Land or by Water without an Order from the Commanding Officer or Officer in Charge of the Guards.

The Officer on duty at Chinsura is desired to request of the Senior Officer of the Dutch Troops a List of all the Europeans & Natives that were under his Command.

All the European Military Servants under the rank of a Commissioned Officer that were in the Dutch Service at Chinsura to be confined in the Main Guard of the Fort. The Native Military Sepoys &ca to be dismissed—the Officers Commanding the Battalions of the Regiment are desired to entertain Such of them as are fit for and wilg. [willing] to enter into our Service.

All the Ammunition that has been served out to the Regiment to be returned into Stores except that with the Guards in Chinsurah.

As all my Orders to the Regiment under my Command and all my publick Letters have hitherto been dated from *Camp near Chandernagore* I have now altered it to Camp between Chinsura & Chandernagore & have ordered a Subaltern officer at each of those places to have charge of the Guards and to report immediately all extraordinary occurences to me the above Subaltern officers to be relieved weekly with the Guards, these Arrangements I flatter myself you will approve it [of ?].

As one of the Grenadier Companies of this Regiment is gone with the Governors Boats & 50 men of the other Stationed on the road between this and Plassey we have not men enough to relieve all the Guards, may I therefore take the liberty to Solicit that the Guard at the Ghyzatty House may be relieved from the Troops at Burrickpoor as also the 50 men above mentioned.

I have the honor to be with great respect
Sir,
Your most obedt. Hble. Servant
Chas. Chatfield
Captn. Commanding
2d Regiment.

Camp between Chinsura
& Chandernagore 5th July 1781.

ENCLOSURE NO. V

TO Brigadier General Stibbert Commander in Chief &ca.

Sir,

I herewith transmit you a List of the Europeans in the Military Service of the Dutch at Chinsure which I got from the Officer who Commanded them. I have requested of Mr. Ross to favor me with a full List of all the Europeans both Civil & Military which when I obtain I shall not fail to forward to you.

I am
Sir, with great respect
Your Most Obedt. Hble. Servant,
Chas. Chatfield
Capt. Commandg. at Chinsura

Camp between Chinsura &
Chandernagore, July 7th 1781.

J'an Godfried Kramer	..	Van Belstz	Sergeant
Christiaan Golieb Merhet	..	Zwihan	do.

Jochine hagen	..	Van Haaginbosfs	Sergeant
David fansch	..	.. Halle	Corporal
Christiaan Schryt	..	.. Hessencassel	do.
Peter Mastyn Burard Brockhuss		.. Hamburg	do.
Jan George Nockioyor		.. Ditult	do.
Paul hurdrick Daniel Appia		.. St. Jaen	do.
Lambertus Vollenhoven		.. Nytregt	do.
Caiel Ursini	..	.. Marburg	Soldact
Lou:s Leon	..	.. Chinsura	do.
Anthony Mastyn	..	.. Do.	do.
Jan Perien	..	.. Vankryk	do.
Josep Purin	..	.. Do.	do.
Jacob De Jong	..	.. Trencommalen	do.
Francis Seytelu	..	.. Brusset	do.
Jan Van den Drieget		.. Braband	do.
Jan Hey De man		.. Burkdorp	do.
Christiaan hampe	..	.. Bulien	do.
Jan Christoffel Wagtarlong		.. Chinsura	do.
Francis De Neok	..	.. Bergen-op Zoom	do.
David Mendus	..	.. Chinsura	do.
Anthony Francise	..	.. ..	Tambou
Domingo Schollo	..	.. ..	do.

Van De Arthillery

Jan Lind beig	..	Van Hokholm	Cannoneer
Jacob Vandur Vliet		.. Slitdregh	Busschieter
Jacob Klaiselur		.. Bordewnlin	do.
Mastyn Kood	..	.. Dantzig	do.
Jke Dantjea	..	.. do.	do.
Jan May Kam	..	.. Amsterdam	do.
Jan Stou dreniyer	..	.. Grriningen	do.
Jacob De Jong	..	.. Amsterdam	do.
Micael Woorman	..	.. Wolgaet	do.
Jam Neivlos Wogenaar		.. Stettin	do.
Jan Gukens	..	.. Hamburg	do.

ENCLOSURE NO. VI

To the Hon'ble Warren Hastings Esqr. Governor General &ca, Members of the Supreme Council.

Gentlemen,

As applications have been made to you from the *Navy* and *that part of the Army Employed in the Capture of Chinsura,* for a share of the Treasure and effects taken in the Town, I think it necessary prior to your coming

to any decision upon the matter yourselves, or Referring it to the determination of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, to lay in *my claim* for a proportion of the said Capture, as Commander in Chief of the Forces under the Establishment.

I will not trespass upon the time of the Board, by offering Arguments to Demonstrate the propriety, and Justice of allowing a Decision to be made of all the Captured Treasuries and Effects.

The Example of his Majesty, the common Customs of War, and what has been ever practised in this Country, will point them out more forcibly than any thing I can say on the Subject.

I shall therefore only make my request that if, Gentlemen, you should consider yourselves incompetent to decide upon the claims of the Captors, you will be pleased to recommend them to the favorable consideration of the Court of Directors.

Having however mentioned the Practise of this Country, it may be incumbent on me to Establish as far as I am able the assertion by particular instances; for which purpose I will confine myself to the taking of Pondicherry, Chandernagore and Masulipatam last War, and the recent Capture of the two former places in the present one; upon all which occasions a Distribution of Prize Money was made, and the pretensions of the Captors to it never called in Question, and I flatter myself it is not the wish of the Hon'ble the Court of Directors, or the Board, to deviate in the present Instance, from a Custom which has for its object the Encouragement of the Troops.

I have the honour to be
Respectfully
Gentlemen
Your most Obedient
humble Servant
G. Stibbert

Fort William
30th Novr. 1781.

ENCLOSURE NO. VII

MINUTES of Council 30th June 1783.

25th May With a Petition from the Officers who Captured Chinsurah for Prize Money.

However desirous the Board may be to gratify the Expectations reasonably entertained by the Officers and Soldiers of the Army in Ordering the Speedy and equitable distribution of the produce of such Treasure and valuable effects as may have been Captured from the Enemy by their Conduct and Valour, yet the present is a Case of so different a Nature from all others Comprehended under that discription as to require them to proceed with an unusual degree of

Caution and in the first place to try the Rights of the Claimants by the Principles on which they are originally founded.

By the Rights of War and the Law of England Confirming [concerning] them all Booty taken by British Subjects in War is the Property of the King nor can any Claim to a Share of it be derived but from his Authority.

By the Charter of 14th January in the 31st Year of His Majesty George the Second, His late Majesty was graciously pleased to grant unto the East India Company all Booty taken by their Forces whether by Land or by Sea within the Limits of their Commercial Jurisdiction. By Virtue of this Instrument the East India Company became invested with all the Rights which the King before possessed by his prerogative to Booty taken in War within the limits aforesaid and in like manner every Claim to a share of such Booty must be derived from the authority of the Company.

But the East India Company have directed that of all Booty taken by the Forces one Moiety of Military and Naval Stores excepted shall be given to the Captors and by the Custom of War for there is no written law or Rule prescribing it, it seems to be generally understood that the Troops who are immediately employed in the Capture of a Fort or other place or in any Action by which Booty is acquired are the Captors and exclusively so considered tho' United with others in the same general Command or in a Series of Co-operative Service.

The Principle on which the Claim of Officers and Soldiers to a Share of Booty taken in War is Originally founded is either the retribution of Meritorious Service or the Compensation for plunder taken by Storm but neither of the cases will apply to the Questions now before the Board—the Capture of Chinsura and the other Dutch Settlements in Bengal was neither the effect of Meritorious Service nor of a Capitulation made to prevent the bloody Consequence of an assault. The places were defenceless against a regular attack—Chinsurah the principal Settlement was ceded of course on the Simple requisition of the Board. It was an act of formal accommodation not a Military operation and Might with equal facility have been performed by a Civil Application had not the usage in such Cases rendered such a mode of procedure irregular.

It appears from the Accounts laid before the Board that the produce of the Cash & effects which were taken in the Fort or Factory of Chinsurah alone Amounted to Rs........; it would be an absurdity to suppose that the Court of Directors when they formed the Order for yielding one Moiety of Booty taken by their Forces to the Captors could possibly mean to lavish so enormous a Sum as Rs........among the Officers & Sepoys of a Single Battalion for the performance of a Simple ceremony consisting in no more than the transmission of a requisition in the Name of the Governor General & Council to Mr. Ross the Director of Chinsurah to Surrender; the Effects and property of the Dutch Company and Nation

become the Property of the Company by the Rights of War and by his inability to Maintain it for his own Constituents & Nation.

Other Objections as forcible lie against a more extensive distribution including the whole division of the Army appertaining to the Station of Fort William of which Captain Chatfields Battalion formed a part, and we are inclined to think this distribution would be most equitable, for where no Service was performed on which even presumption could build the hope of reward there Seems to be no reason for excluding the general Corps from a participation of any emoluments which fortune alone might have thrown in the way of one part of it in the mere routine of Duty.

For these reasons the Board unwilling to pass a Decision which in one case might Subject them not only to the Charge of a Wanton Dissipation of the means which may be by the Company considered as their right of providing for the great exigencies of the Service, but even of public reproach [or] derision and in the other might be Construed an injury done to the Right of the Army were their Claim wholly denied or but partially allowed, do therefore Resolve to Submit the whole of the Subjects in a reference to the Court of Directors and wait their Orders concerning it and that for this purpose, all the accounts and papers relative to this transaction be sent Separate Nos. in the next Dispatch.

(A true Copy of the Minute)
J. P. Auriol
Secrey.

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Hereford Street May the 7th 1798.

SIR,

Since writing my Letter of the 5th Instant, I have thought it might be satisfactory to the Committee of Correspondence to be furnished and have before them with the other Papers I have enclosed to you an Extract of a General Letter from the Court of Directors to the Government at Bengal Published in General Orders to the Army there *in October 1774*, Defining the separate Powers of the *Governor General and the Military Commander in Chief* which I now enclose—No. 8.

By this Extract of the said Letter the Original of which I have not the Date of but, I presume it may be found upon the Records of the Company; the Committee with]out] further trouble will see that the Military Authority of the Governor General was then confined to the Garrison of *Fort William and Town of Calcutta alone,* and that in cases of an Attack by an enemy this power then ceased and here I must observe that the Governor (I speak

of the time when I was myself Commander in Chief) never took upon himself to detach any Troops upon Service from or issue any Orders out of the Garrison of For William nor to interfere in any respect with the detail of the Army.

The routine of the Service was for all Minutes and Resolutions of the Council respecting Military Affairs, to be transmitted by the Secretary to the military Commander in Chief for him *to carry into Execution* which Practice was seldom or never deviated from but in cases of Emergency as in that of the Orders sent to Captain Chatfield stationed at Chandernagore (the late French Factory) to summons and take possession with his detachment of the Fort and Town of Chinsurah which, as has been already stated, was for *dispatch alone.*

But if any further proofs are wanting which I conceive, however none can, after the documents I have already produced to convince the Committee that the 2d Regiment of Native Troops commanded by Captain Chatfield was one of the Corps making a part of the forces under *my immediate and personal Command.* The paper No. 9 being a Copy of a Minute of Council dated the 7th July 1781 and the Orders issued by me as Commander in Chief in consequence of the said Minute will shew that after Captain Chatfield had performed the Service he was sent upon and the Council thought proper to have his Detachment withdrawn and return to its former Station at Chandernagore, the *Resolutions of the Board* were in the customary way sent to me to be carried into execution whereas had this Detachment of Troops made a part of the Garrison of *Fort William* under the immediate Authority of the Governor, it would have received its Orders from him through his proper Officer, the *Town Major.* But the *dearest* and most incontestible proof that the Board did consider this Detachment as belonging to that Part of the Army, under my immediate & personal Command is the Declaration of Council contained in the Extract of the Bengal Consultations No. 2.

Before I conclude this Letter, permit me, Sir, to request you will inform the Committee that I shall be very ready to attend at the India House to give them any further information or answer any Questions they may require on the Subject of this Business upon receiving their Commands.

I am
Sir
Your most obedt. h'ble Servant
G. Stibbert

William Ramsay Esqr., Secretary to the
Hon'ble the Court of Directors of the
East India Company.

Enclosure No. VIII

Extract of a Letter from the Hon'ble the Court of Directors. Published in General Orders to the Army in Bengal in October 1794 [1774*].

It is our Order and we hereby direct that all Military Honors which have heretofore been paid to any of our Presidents and Governors of Fort William (excepting such as are reserved for his Majesty only) be continued to the Governor General.

That all Orders within the Garrison of Fort William and Town of Calcutta, except such as relate to regimental detail and Military Discipline, or to the Defence of the Fort, be given in the name of the Governor General, who shall keep the keys of the Fort, and give out the parole. But Orders respecting Regimental Detail and discipline of the Army in general including the Garrison of Fort William and Troops stationed in the Town of Calcutta shall be given the Name of the Military Commander in Chief, or in his absence in the name of the Superior Military Officer doing duty at Fort William for the time being who shall communicate all such Orders to the Governor General, by his Aid de Camp or other proper Officer, for his Approbation before they be issued to the Troops, in the said Garrison or in the Town of Calcutta.

That in case Fort William, or the Town of Calcutta shall at any time be attacked, or invested by an Enemy, the Keys shall be delivered to the Military Commander in Chief, and the Separate Military Authority of our Governor General shall be entirely suspended, and cease, 'till such Enemy shall be expelled and no longer, and if the Governor General and Commander in Chief shall in either of the beforementioned Cases differ in opinion respecting the exact time when the exercise of the Governor General's Power should be suspended or resumed the Governor General and Council shall finally decide thereupon.

That during such Suspension of the Governor General's Authority, the Executive Military Power shall devolve upon, and be wholly vested in the Military Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, or in his absence on the Superior Military Officer in Garrison but subject at all times to the Orders of the Governor General and Council.

That temporary leave of absence in time of Peace be granted by the Governor General to Officers doing duty in the Garrison of Fort William and Town of Calcutta, and to all the Officers by the Military Commander in Chief of the Company's Forces in Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, but such leave of absence shall in no case extend beyond the Limits of the said Provinces.

That leave to resign the Company's Service, or for Officers to repair to any other Settlement in India, or to England for recovery of Health be granted by the Governor General and Council.

G. S.

Vide Stibbert's letter to William Ramsay dated 7 May 1798 *ante*.

ENCLOSURE No. IX

Fort William 8th July 1781.

Minutes of Council 7th July 1781.

THE Detachment under Captain Chatfield having performed its service required, *Resolved* that it be remanded to Chandernagore having such Guards as may be Deemed necessary to protect the Treasure and Warehouses at Chinsurah and to secure the Archieves [*sic*] of the Town; and that necessary Orders be immediately Issued for this purpose by the Commander in Chief.

Orders by the Commander in Chief

In consequence of the above Resolution of Council, Captain Chatfield is directed to station such Guards as may be necessary for the Protection of the Treasure and Warehouses of Chinsurah and afterwards to return with the Remainder of his Regiment to Chandernagore. The Officer who shall be left in the Commnad at Chinsurah is directed to Report to the Commander in Chief, once a Week, or as often as may be necessary all material Occurrances [*sic*].

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LETTERS FROM COURT

No. 1.—*20 January 1797*

1. **Brevet Commissions** (p. 1)—These were granted either as a reward for meritorious service or on the basis of length of service in the army. Subaltern officers with fifteen years' service were automatically promoted to the brevet rank of captain. Such promotions were, however, nominal since they gave no right to extra pay.

No. 3.—*22 March 1797*

1. **Lieut. General Alured Clarke** (p. 5)—He entered the King's army in 1759, served as Commander-in-Chief, Madras, from January 1796 to March 1797, and as member of Fort William Board and provisional Commander-in-Chief in Bengal from April 1797 to May 1798. He also officiated as Governor General from March 1798, till the arrival of Lord Mornington in May 1798. Chief command of the Company's forces in India was held, by him from May 1798 to 1801. He died in 1832.

No. 6—*5 July 1797*

1. **Sibbendy Corps** (p. 11)—*Sibandi* Corps was a sort of miltitia or irregular soldiery, imperfectly disciplined and chiefly employed for guard and garrison duties in forts, towns and villages. It also performed police and revenue duties.

2. **Orphan Fund** (p. 12)—The Fund was established through the initiative of Major General Kirkpatrick for the education and maintenance of orphans of European officers and soldiers in the Bengal army. For the administration of the Fund a society called the Military Orphan Society was set up in 1783. It had two branches, one in England and the other in India. The former was concerned with the orphans of European officers and was mainly financed by means of compulsory monthly subscriptions deducted from their pay, besides voluntary subscriptions and donations. The Society administered the properties of orphans till they attained majority The orphans were educated in England and helped in settling down in life. In India the Society ran a lodging-boarding school at Kidderpore where childern of living officers were also admitted on payment of the prescribed fees. It ran another school at Alipore for the children of European non-commissioned officers and private soldiers, and this was entirely managed through the Company's bounty. C. Lushington, *The History, Design and Present State of the Religious, Benevolent and Charitable Institutions founded by the British in Calcutta and its vicinity*, pp. 229-65.

3. **Sir Robert Abercromby** (p. 22)—He entered the King's army in 1758 at the age of 18 and came to India in 1788. He became Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Bombay Presidency in 1790. In October 1793, he succeeded Lord Cornwallis as Commander-in-Chief and simultaneously served as a member of the Fort William Board. He was promoted to the rank of Lieut. General in 1797, but resigned his office the same year. He died in November 1827.

No. 11—*2 March 1798*

1. **Woolwich** (p. 55)—The Royal Military Academy at Woolwich began to impart military education to the Company's cadets on a regular basis with effect from the 1st July 1798. In that year six cadets were admitted to the Academy and till 1809 nearly one hundered cadets were educated there. On an average a cadet could obtain a certificate after two or two and a half years. The Court of Directors paid £100 per annum per cadet and an additional £3,000 for accommodation.

No. 15—*6 June 1798*

1. **General Deare** (p. 84)—George Deare joined the Company's Bengal army as a cadet in 1768. In 1774 he took part in the first Rohilla war and was promoted to the rank of Captain in 1778. He was the Commandant at Fort William in July 1787, and Bengal artillery was under his command from June 1789 to 1794. On the 3rd May 1796 he was promoted to the rank of Major General. He retired in January 1803 and died in England in 1823.

2. **Rawstorne** (p. 84)—Edward Rawstorne entered Bengal army as a cadet in 1764. During the 'Batta Mutiny' in 1766 he resigned but was reappointed. In January 1767, he was dismissed for his mutinous suppport of Sir Robert Fletcher but reinstated the same year. He was appointed Colonel Commandant of the newly formed Cavalry Brigade from the 2nd June 1797 and was Commandant at Berhampore from May 1799 till his death in July 1801.

3. **Erskine** (p.84)—John Erskine joined the Company's service as country cadet in 1764 and fought in the Battle of Buxar. He became Major General on the 3rd May 1796 and was posted at Midnapore. He died of smallpox at Chunar on the 30th October, 1799.

No. 21—*29 May 1799*

1. **Brevet Captain Thomas Alcock** (p. 108)—Thomas Alcock arrived in India in April 1781 and became Lieutenant in July of the same year. In April 1799 he was promoted as Captain and four years later as Major. He retired in 1804, served as Treasurer of the London Ordnance for several years and died in 1856.

2. **Major General Popham** (p. 115)—William Popham was transferred from King's army to Company's service as Captain in 1768. In 1779 he was sent to help the Rana of Gohad against the Marathas and captured the fort of Gwalior in the following year. During the operations against Chait Singh he took the hill-fort of Bijaigarh. His Regiment mutinied and was consequently disbanded in 1782. He remained on furlough from 1784 to 1794 and was elected Member of Parliament during that period. He was appointed to command at Fatehgarh and was ordered to join the field army in October 1794. He was promoted as Major General in 1795. In 1799 he participated in the capture of Seringapatam under General Harris. He became Lieut. General in 1802, retired in 1803 and died in 1821 at the age of 81.

3. **Major General Jones** (p. 115)—William Jones was transferred from the Benkulen establishment to Bengal as a Lieutenant in 1765. During the 'Batta Mutiny' in 1766, he resigned but was readmitted during the sam

year. He was the Commanding Officer of 16th Battalion Sepoys in the battle of Korah against Mahbub Khan in 1776. In 1780 he was promoted to the rank of Major, and two years later he became Lieut. Colonel. He became Major General in February 1795, and was on furlough from December 1797 till his retirement in July 1799. He died in 1818.

4. **General Morgan** (p. 125)—Charles Morgan was Captain in Bengal Army in 1765. He was dismissed in 1772 but readmitted in 1774, and was Quarter Master General and contractor for boats from 1778 to 1781. During the first Maratha was he commanded the Bengal detachment. He became Major General in December 1793, and was Commander-in-Chief of the Bengal army from January to March 1797. He commanded the force to check the advance of Zaman Shah of Kabul into the Punjab. He remained on furlough from December 1797 till his retirement in 1803 and during that period he was promoted to the rank of Lieut. General. He died in 1819.

No. 23—*31 October 1799*

1. **Major General Patrick Duff** (p. 139)—He arrived in India in 1760 as a volunteer in His Majesty's 89th Regiment. He was transferred to Bengal Artillery in May 1766, but was soon deported for involvement in the 'Batta Mutiny'. He was, however, reinstated later. He rose to the position of Major General in 1793, and became Commandant of Artillery in March 1797. He went on furlough in December 1797 and died in 1803, aged 61.

No. 26—*7 May 1800*

1. **Tolley's Nullah** (p. 166)—Canal in 24-Parganas District. Bengal, seventeen miles long, taken out from the Ganges near Kidderpore Bridge and extending up to the Salt Lake. It was excavated in 1776 by Major William Tolley as a private venture, under a temporary grant of land and of the right to levy canal tolls. It was opened to navigation in 1777. Tolley, after whom the canal was known, died in 1784, and the lease of the tools was extended to his widow. The canal was taken over by the Government in 1804.

LETTERS TO COURT

No. 4—*28 April 1797*

1. **General Stuart** (p. 219)—James Stuart came to India as Brevet Lieut, Colonel in 1781. He fought under Sir Eyre Coote against Haidar Ali and under Cornwallis against the Dutch in 1795. He commanded the forces at Madras in 1796 and led the Bombay army against Tipu Sultan in 1799. He became Commander-in-Chief of the Madras Presidency in 1801 and was made Lieut. General in 1802. He retired in 1805 and died in 1815, aged 74.

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